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Where we secure may be.

Though dark and drear our pathway,
Devoid of light or cheer;
We eagerly push onward,
Without a doubt or fear.
For we've a purpose steadfast,
To guide us on our way.
And we have dear companions,
To help us day by day.

We dream of golden future,
Bedecked with jewels rare;
And ere we have perceived it,
Build castles in the air.
Behind a mazy curtain,
The future lies concealed;
But not until its season,
Shall the unknown be revealed.

Air-castles seem inviting,
And often in our dreams;
We grasp with eager rapture,
At Fancy's luring gleams.
But Fancy's sparkling picture,
Soon from our eyes will fade;
And disappointed longings,
Are like a scene not played.

We seek the phantom Fortune,
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So some people stand beside us,
While our lives are free from care;
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And our future prospects fair.

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Which adds terror to the tempest,
As the waves beat on the shore.
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Joins us both in heart and hand.
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For dear as any sacred tie,
Is our noble brotherhood,
Some love for sake of kindred,
And some for Hymen's bonds;
We love our noble brothers,
With a passion just as strong.
And though storms may rise about us,
Ever constant will we be;
For we're bound in lasting union.
In our dear Fraternity.

Foes scoff at our devotion,
Yea tales of falsehood bear;
We let our actions guide us,
And honor, triumph bear.
We can laugh at foes' derision,
For we know our noble band;
Let behold us all who know us,
As we by our watchword stand.

See "Phi Alpha," the initials
Of an emblem true and strong;
And that other silent symbol,
"Sigma, Alpha, Epsilon."
Brothers true, you know their meaning,
Treasure up these golden thoughts,
For they are the metal from which,
Our mystic link in truth is wrought.

As the rosy-fingered morning,
Dispels the gloom of night;
And the monarch of the heavens,
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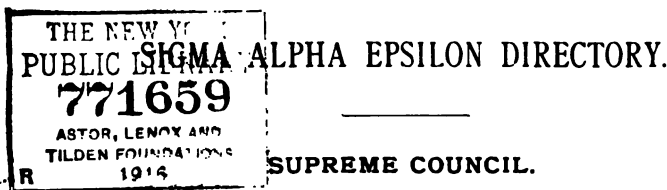
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THE BENEFITS OF A CHAPTER HOUSE.

The possession of a chapter house is the goal for which every live Keph should strive. A chapter room or hall, neat, spacious and inviting, is indeed very desirable, especially in colleges which prohibit the fraternity home. But of late years college faculties have become more favorable to the secret society, and in most cases allow the students to live together in whatever quarters they wish. So no longer should the chapter be satisfied with conclave room or hall, but bend every effort to secure a permanent fraternity home. Few are not acquainted with the advantages of such a possession. However, to such as have never experienced or considered them, a general description of these benefits may not be unacceptable.

The fraternity house is a means of great internal strength to the chapter. It forms a nucleus around which all the various branches of chapter work and life center. It makes the fraternity a unit, as nothing else can do. There the meetings are held and business expedited by the dwelling together of so many brothers. It does the work of a bureau of information, a state house and a hospital. It is at all times the headquarters for everything that interests the chapter, and in that most important matter of 'rushing' a man, is invaluable. Especially is this true where rival fraternities have houses of their own. Other things being equal, the 'Barb' will choose every time the fraternity with a house. This very fact should incite some of our chapters to take the initiative in getting possession of a house, for in this way the pick of the college will not sometimes but *always* be theirs.

In spite of what pessimists say to the effect that 'familiarity breeds contempt,' the fact stands undisputed at least in regard to fraternity house life, that familiarity strengthens friendship. And in this fact lies a source of the greatest strength to the chapter. There is no disputing the statement that in the fraternity house, boys get to know one another most thoroughly. Just in the measure in which this knowledge strengthens friend-

ship does it tighten the bonds of brotherly love, and it is these bonds that make fraternity life vigorous and united. To be sure, the house is not absolutely necessary to secure intimate acquaintanceship, but there are some in every chapter who never will associate freely with their brothers unless they are placed where they can't help it. And if any one who reads this article fears that his social instincts, his bump of friendship is small, let him be the foremost to secure a house for his chapter, and, when it is obtained, live in it, for thus he will be put in closer touch with his fellow men.

So far only the internal aspect of house benefits have been considered. In addition to the increased unity, success with new men, and intimate friendship, the benefits to the chapter in its relation to rival fraternities are important. Every Keph strives to reach and keep a high standing among the other Greek Letter societies. In spite of the quality, and quantity of men and their financial and college standing, in some schools fraternities are not recognized until they are ensconced in a house, and, to repeat what was said above, the fraternities having houses, always have the greatest prestige, influence and strength.

Not only is the individual chapter thus benefited but its added prosperity gives so much more power to the general fraternity. The order's success is always measured by the success of its separate chapters, and he who fortifies his chapter, by aiding in the obtainment of a home, may know that he is equally insuring the safety and success of his beloved fraternity.

Some hard student may be saying to himself, 'I don't believe boys study as much as they should, in their fraternity house.' There is no doubt that this would sorely hit some societies, but only those which are careless about their qualifications for membership. A fraternity may, if it uses no discretion, take in the very worst men intellectually, socially and morally, but surely such can never be said of any chapters of dear old Sigma. Given men of the right stuff, and study will be as thorough within the fraternity house as without.

Again some may oppose the house on the ground of extra expense. But there need be no extra expense, if reasonable economy is observed. It all depends upon the aims of the chapter. However, it is certain that by practicing economy the greatest advantages will result. Now the chapter is not compelled to buy a house in order to have a home. It may surprise some to learn that most fraternity houses are not owned but rented. Ordinarily the renting of a house is an easy matter, as most college towns have many desirable for such purpose. The chief difficulty with most chapters would be the furnishing. If the house can be secured already furnished, all such trouble is at once removed. But when this is impossible, the money must be borrowed or solicited from brothers and Alumni. A house capable of holding fourteen men can be well furnished for from four to eight hundred dollars. The expense of caring for the house, heating, lighting, and interest on and gradual payment for the furniture, when the money is borrowed, must be considered. But with all these difficulties that are seen and many that are not seen, the end is well worthy the efforts of every active Sig. Look at it as a business venture in which, with good management, success is sure to come. Business men accuse us students of impracticability. Here is an opportunity for many college boys to take useful lessons in business life. It means careful attention, careful management, careful planning. Instead of avoiding the discussion of the question, let us consider it at our fraternity meetings, and take wise concerted action at once, with a fraternity house in view. No chapter will ever regret such a step. In after life its movers will look back with honest pride and satisfaction to this monument of their zeal, loyalty, and efforts in behalf of their beloved order, and they will have the devout gratitude and high praise of all succeeding generations of Sigs. A fraternity house will prove a continued blessing to the chapter, and to the fraternity, to the alumni, and to the active members.

Mich. Iota Beta.

F. E. WOOD.

AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

The present issue of Mr. Baird's popular book on American College Fraternities, is the fourth, the first having appeared in 1879, the second in 1880, and the third in 1883.

In his preface Mr. Baird says, "The book was planned to supply an expressed want among college men; and the kind reception which the successive editions have met with seems to have justified its publication."

Mr. Baird seems to have experienced considerable difficulty owing to the desire of each fraternity to puff itself through the pages of his book.

Speaking of the origin of fraternities, he says, "College students have always shown a more or less marked tendency to form themselves into societies. Whether founded upon a national, literary, or social basis, these organizations seem to have been coeval with the colleges themselves. Throughout the United States there is a class of student's societies, usually secret in character, which have rapidly grown in favor, and have become of great importance in the college world. They are composed of lodges or branches placed in the several colleges united by a common bond of friendship and a common name, generally composed of Greek letters. From this fact they are known among non-collegians as "Greek-Letter Societies," or more frequently, from their secrecy, "College Secret Societies," but among themselves they are styled "Fraternities."

With the history of the pioneer of the Greek-Letter societies we are all somewhat familiar; founded at William and Mary in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa succumbed to the tumult of the revolution in 1780, having established branches at Yale and Harvard.

"Phi Betta Kappa remained alone until 1821, when a senior society was founded at Yale, and called the Chi Delta Theta."

In the meantime a different class of societies had arisen, mostly literary in nature, having as their object, drill in elocution and oratory, but offering no social advantages. "They

were too large to admit of the cultivation of close friendships."

"Such were the societies existing in the colleges when in the autumn of 1825, the Kappa Alpha society was formed at Union."

"This society was in its external features at least, an imitation of the Phi Beta Kappa. * * * It was a secret, it had a Greek name, * * * it named its chapters on the same system. The new society met with much opposition, but was secretly popular with the students, who paid it the sincere compliment of imitation by the foundation in the same college of Sigma Phi, and Delta Phi. The three fraternities were the founders of the existing fraternity system. Imitation of them or opposition to them will account for the establishment of nearly all the general fraternities."

Alpha Delta Phi originated at Hamilton in 1832, and Psi Upsilon at Union in 1833.

At Williams the fraternities met opposition from an anti-secret society, which has since united with other similar societies and become Delta Upsilon.

In 1839 the first western fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, was organized at Miami, and in 1841 the first fraternity chapter was organized in the South, at Emory college, Georgia, it being a chapter of Mystical Seven. In 1842 Phi Delta Theta was organized at Miami, and "the first distinctively Southern fraternity, the Rainbow, was founded at the University of Mississippi."

"The second Southern Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was founded at the University of Alabama in 1856, after seven fraternities had established chapters there."

The fraternities are classified as Eastern, Western and Southern, but the fraternities of the West and South "are identical in forms and customs."

"Until 1860 the Eastern Fraternities placed chapters in many of the colleges of the south, and some few in those of the West. The war, however, seriously crippled the Fraternity system of the South. * * * The Eastern Fraternities long hesitated about placing chapters in the South again, and the sectional

Fraternities and those from the west have almost undisputed possession."

"The colleges and universities of New England and the Middle states have long been superior to those of the South and West, in that their endowments have been larger, and being in more thickly-settled communities they have afforded better facilities to students. In the same way Eastern societies have enjoyed more of material prosperity, and a larger membership than those of the remainder of the country, and have consequently deemed themselves superior in other respects."

"These things, however, are rapidly becoming equalized. The state universities of Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Georgia, California and Texas, and Vanderbilt University in Tennessee are of equal grade with the best colleges of New England and the Middle states, and the students are of a higher social grade than were formerly accustomed to frequent these institutions. The course of education as well as political empire is toward the Mississippi valley."

In speaking of the characteristics of the Eastern and Western societies, Mr. Baird says, "In the east, the literary element is prominent and the fraternity chapters have almost completely displaced the older literary societies as a means of forensic and literary culture. In the West, on the other hand, the old literary societies are active and flourishing, and the chapters present their social side to the student, affording him few facilities for literary work except friendly criticism."

In large cities, principally New York, clubs have been organized along fraternity lines. The largest of these is the D. K. E. club located on 5th avenue, New York. It owns an elegant house and possesses a fine library of fraternity literature.

"More or less resembling these clubs are the summer camps of Alpha Delta Phi at Lake George, and Beta Theta Pi at Lake Chautauqua. The latter is controlled by a corporation which owns a tract of land, and has erected a commodious clubhouse. A group of cottages is being gradually built around

the central house, and during the past few years the conventions of the fraternity have been held there."

Each fraternity is taken up alphabetically, giving an account of its organization, list of chapters, membership of each, fraternity history publications, etc.

Of S. A. E. Mr. Baird says, "All the chapters existing in 1861 were killed by the civil war except the one at Columbian University. * * * After that time the work of extension was rapidly, and in many instances, recklessly carried on."

"In 1880 and in 1881, the fraternity was at a very low ebb, but has rallied marvellously. The standard of the fraternity has always been high in the Southeastern states, elsewhere it is too young to have acquired any general characteristics."

Of the catalogue he says, "It contained much valuable historical matter, and was a credit to the fraternity."

After giving a history of the Record he says, "It is now a quarterly and is well handled though not adequately supported, the number of alumni subscribers being very small."

The badge bears the device of a lion and the Goddess of Liberty" (?).

The active membership of S. A. E. is given as 2,342, making it the eighteenth of the general fraternities in size. It is the largest of the fraternities of Southern origin, Alpha Tau Omega coming next with 2,061. Kappa Alpha has 2,057, Kappa Sigma 2,048 and Sigma Nu 971. The total membership of the mens' general fraternities is 92,279, of which D. K. E. has the largest number, 10,353.

The Ladies societies enroll 7,303 names, of which Kappa Kappa Gamma has the largest number, 1,523.

The professional societies have an aggregate membership of 3,364, and the local fraternities of 3,876. Kappa Sigma is the only fraternity that is possibly not of American origin. It claims to be the continuation of a society called "Kirjaith Sepher," founded at the University Balogna, about A. D. 1400, by a fugitive Greek scholar.

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The history of Chi Phi is given in the preface. The present order of Chi Phi is a union of two orders, one of which originated at Harvard in 1860, and one in the University of Michigan in 1858.

The only fraternity that has been founded since 1883, is Northern Kappa Alpha. It has twenty-one, a larger number than any other. To regret to add, we have also a large number of fraternity grave-yards that are now being abandoned.

The book has many other things that space forbids us to touch. It is a volume that will find something on every page.

We especially urge that a copy be made for the chapter library. It is a volume per copy. The editor of the book will receive orders from all S. A. chapters.

SOME COLLEGE

In our last issue we introduced the "American College Fraternity" and now wish to call attention to the A. E.

In his preface Mr. Bardine mentions catalogues and other publications.

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For some reason Mr. Baird does not mention any of the prominent members of S. A. E., but seems to have made this omission with no other fraternity.

The reason is certainly not, that there are none worthy of mention, for while we cannot claim such a list of honored alumni as do the older and larger fraternities, yet S. A. E. has many worthy men who have done her honor in high places. We doubt, indeed if any fraternity of the age and membership of S. A. E., can show an equally illustrious list.

Speaking of honorary members, Mr. Baird says, "It has been thought best to exclude mention of honorary members, where such relationship was admitted, or known to exist."

We can not dispute Mr. Baird's right to do as he pleases in this matter, but we wish it distinctly understood that S. A. E. makes no distinction, but that an honorary member is just as much a full fledged member of S. A. E., as any other.

Furthermore, we venture the assertion that S. A. E.'s honorary members are just as loyal and devoted to S. A. E., as are the members of Mr. Baird's fraternity in similar positions in life, to their organization.

We append a list of our more prominent alumni, as it might have appeared in Mr. Baird's book, and to show that we do not hesitate to "admit such relationship" we separate the honorary from the active members.

HONORARY LIST.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, associate justice of the U. S. Supreme court.

Senator J. G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.

Hon. Charles Baker, of Ohio.

Gen. E. Kirby Smith, C. S. A.

John A. Battle, president Mercer University.

The late P. H. Mell, chancellor of the University of Georgia.

W. L. Brown, president of Alabama A. and M. College.
G. W. Samson, ex-president Columbian University.
E. T. Fristoe, professor in Columbian University.
J. F. McCulloch, president Adrian College, and P. T. P. Allen, brigadier-general of Kentucky.

ACTIVE LIST.

Congressmen N. N. Clements, of Alabama, and William L. Wilson, of West Virginia.

V. H. Vaughn, ex-governor of Utah.

Generals G. W. Gordon, A. C. Powell, G. P. Harrison, G. M. Blunt and W. H. Harris, of the Confederate Army.

W. H. Washington, attorney general of Tennessee.

James N. Gilmer, adjutant-general of Alabama.

G. P. Harrison, brigadier-general of Alabama.

R. H. Atkinson, secretary Executive Department of Georgia.

Allen Fort and John B. Estes, judges of the Superior Court of Georgia.

Louis Hillard, judge of Superior Court of Virginia.

Samuel F. Wilson, judge of the Superior Court of Tennessee.

Walter Aker, judge of the Superior Court of Texas.

S. C. Young, judge of District Court of Louisiana.

L. S. Woods, judge of District Court of Tennessee.

G. W. Hudspeth, judge of District Court of Louisiana.

W. W. Wood, W. R. Taliaferro, J. W. Lawson, C. B. Richardson and E. W. Hubbard, members of the legislature of Virginia.

G. P. Harrison, president of Alabama Senate.

P. L. Moseley, J. B. Kinner, Edwin Wendel, M. A. Smith, J. E. Shipp and B. R. Wilson, members of the legislature of Alabama.

E. B. Murray, member of the legislature of South Carolina.

D. D. Johnson, president of the West Virginia senate, and president of the Board of Regents of the University of West Virginia.

S. D. McCormick, member of the legislature of Missouri.

T. E. Watson, W. H. Felton, A. H. Cox, Charles Du Bose, D. Jackson, J. W. Walters, J. T. Olive, A. A. Murphy, E. G. Simmons, C. A. Turner, C. Z. McCord, R. E. Mitchell, W. T. Atkinson, R. B. Russell, W. E. Wooten and E. F. Hoge, members of the legislature of Georgia.

J. B. Stubbs, J. M. Henderson and I. C. Cook, members of the legislature of Texas.

H. C. Anderson, L. I. Dodd, James Oldham and W. A. Cooper, members of the legislature of Tennessee.

C. B. Howry, B. T. Kimbraugh and Patrick Henry, members of the legislature of Mississippi.

D. S. Cage, G. W. Hudspeth, M. L. Pipes and E. W. Sutherland, members of the legislature of Louisiana.

Archibald Tell, member of the legislature of California.

Louis Hillard and John Gatling, members of the legislature of North Carolina.

Frank H. Alfried, formerly editor of the *Southern Literary Messenger*, and author of the "Life of Jefferson Davis;" J. G. De Votie, editor *Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun*; J. S. Davis, editor *Albany (Ga.) News and Advertiser*; E. F. Hoge, editor *Atlanta Evening Journal*; Samuel Spencer, ex-president B. & O. railroad; C. E. Armstrong, of New Orleans, auditor of several southern railroads.

Professors R. C. Ganes, of Furman University; W. A. Guerry, of University of the South; E. H. Stanley, of Oberlin College; C. E. Wilbur and W. H. Howard, of Adrian College.

CONVENTION COMMENTS.

In some particulars the Cincinnati Convention differed greatly from its predecessors. It may not have transacted as important business as some of the previous conventions, nor have been more largely attended, but it is entitled to take first rank in the

national character of its representation. The delegates in attendance were from more widely distributed localities than has been the case at any former convention. From Dickinson college on our extreme eastern limits a very able representative was present. From Iowa came Brother Morley, with whom most of us are acquainted through his contributions to the pages of the Record. Michigan Iota Beta, the "North Star" of our fraternity sent an able delegation, while our many Southern Brothers in attendance would do credit to any Greek letter society of America.

We think it will be acknowledged that the Charlotte convention made no mistake in selecting Cincinnati as the place of meeting in 1890. Its central location, excellent railway facilities and many attractions were not without their influence in drawing so many delegates from all quarters. Our convention combines business and pleasure, and while it is intended to advance the interest of our Society, it also serves as a re-union, affording its members an opportunity for social and friendly intercourse. It is there we become acquainted with those of whom we have heard, but never met, and renew old and valued friendships, recall the friends and associations of other days.

Each of our Alumni present departed for their respective homes to resume their labors in the office and at the desk, congratulating themselves upon the high standing of their Society and its bright prospects, feeling the highest pleasure and satisfaction in being one of its members. Our active members returned to their respective chapters each laden with several "original packages" of genuine Sig enthusiasm, which they will distribute among the boys, and it is in the enthusiasm thus enkindled in each chapter that the most lasting influences and greatest benefits of our convention are to be sought and found.

To us, who were present for the first time, there were some things not above criticism.

We refer to the practice of "fillibustering" to delay the proceedings of the convention. To continue to obstruct the progress of business until undisguised disgust is visible in nearly

every countenance, to disregard the courteous requests of the chair to such an extent as to be disrespectful and to cease only after outraged patience and good-nature burst forth in vigorous protests and merited condemnation, seems to be proper in no deliberative assembly, certainly not in a council of Brothers.

E. D. McCafferty,
Harrison, Ohio.

HOW SMALL A COLLEGE SHALL S. A. E. ENTER?

BY HARRY S. BUNTING, C. E. BURNHAM, H. C. BURGER, R. P. MAHON, F. L. T., AND F. E. WOOD.

H. S. BUNTING, TENN. ZETA:

Of society in general it has been said there is the aristocracy of blood, of brains and of bullion, and each member is supposed to possess, to some extent at least, one or more of these shining virtues. No single rule could be laid down determining just which of these branches should be allowed a monopoly of S. A. E.'s scions, since each has its attractions and, possibly, its drawbacks when considered apart from the rest. But there is an ideal fraternity man ever present in fancy who incarnates each of these three characteristics in such faultless harmony that he is likewise a gentleman, a scholar, and a good judge of *when* and *how* to meet his financial obligations. If such a one is ever available he is the man to be selected when it is desired to extend the membership. If he cannot be found the next eligible candidate is the one who approximates the ideal most nearly. At any rate, if an universal rule must be adopted, it may be stated that no one should be chosen in whose character are not found those congenial qualities and traits of sound common-sense so essential to the intercourse of gentlemen, regardless of his ancient pedigree, his amazing phrenological protuberances, or his uncut coupons. A rule for the standard of educational

institutions which S. A. E. shall enter must be equally as vague. No college should be enrolled with the blest of Sigma Alpha Epsilon which does not *now* enjoy a fair share of the good things which make up college-life, which cannot *now* support a flourishing chapter of the order, and which does not *now* give promise of sustaining these in the near as well as in the distant future. As an amendment to this rule I propose for adoption by S. A. E. henceforth that "once intrenched within such let neither war, famine, pestilence, nor unreasonable legislation drive her thence—nothing save death or, what is worse than death, an inevitable lingering decline of the institution." The amendment, I urge, is of equal importance with the original. Now, as in the selection of members the judgment of the individual chapters must take precedence of any conventional standards as to minutiae, so in granting charters the wisdom of the petitioner, of the neighboring chapters, and of the Supreme Council must be relied on to judge the merits of each case and be governed in their decisions by its peculiar circumstances. No two institutions will present the same particular advantages. Each application must be considered apart, bearing in mind the general rule hitherto mentioned, and either received or rejected according to the sum total of its advantages or deficiencies. William and Mary College, venerable in her antiquity, might call for recognition (and justly I think) because she was the mother of fraternities in the colonial days; because she rocked the cradle of infant liberty, and gave statesmen to counsel and soldiers to fight when they were most needed; and because, too, she once floated the banner of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and only lowered it when her walls were made barracks and her sons marched to battle; and then, after a second death, Phoenix-like she has arisen in newness of life and commenced again her blessed mission to the sons of the Old Dominion. Should Bro. Rose of Va. Pi ask counsel I would say, "Aye, gladly brother, awaken old Kappa." She does not possess the bullion of some of her younger rivals at present, but she has a heritage that gold cannot buy, and on this ground is based her claims

to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Turning to the great West I can see a score of institutions, infants besides the venerable dame William and Mary, but hale, hearty infants just the same; infants that would pass a Spartan examination and then outlive exposure on Mt. Taygetus; infants that in spite of proffered slights from more elderly neighbors, and the protestations of easterly kinsmen that they are insignificant and unworthy, have the elements of maturity in them, and which as "Westward the star of empire takes its flight" will grow and attain the full maturity of their powers just as the Mississippi Valley becomes the undisputed centre of wealth, refinement and education of the world. These have their futures before them. Their strength is the vigor, their bouyancy, the promise of youth. They cannot yet point to long rolls of distinguished sons, for their missions are as yet just beginning to dawn upon themselves. Most of them are not yet wealthy but in the natural course of events many of them will be ere another generation. But it is their promise that demands the the attention of S. A. E. In the invasion of new territory, future demands must be considered as well as the present ones, or the foundation now laying may prove one of sands. What we now call the great West is to be the great Centre, the highway between North, South, East and West, the rock-bed of the Union and as everlasting as the American continent. S. A. E. must invade this field and grow up with the country. Then let us not despise the wailing of these western babes that cry for S. A. E. pap. They are none of them orphans, destitute of the necessities of life and dependent on charities. Some that were recently babes have sprung into ripe maturity almost at a bound. These are now growing old in experience, are fabulously rich in endowments, and have long since won recognition from the ultra-conservative eastern fraternities. Such ones Sigma Alpha Epsilon has long since determined to enter as occasion was presented. She is casting goat's eyes at De Pauw, Northwestern, the universities of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas and other stars of the first magnitude. But it is chiefly the lesser lights that we

are now considering; our discussion is, "How small a college shall S. A. E. enter?" Generally speaking we might reply, all the Northwesterns and Ann Arbors of the future; we want to locate in every school that will become in time one of the great colleges or universities. But if these speculations are too largely guess work, and a more definite standard must be named, we might say, "Let the school be of a standard college grade that justifies the conferring of the Bachelor's degree, having at least one hundred and twenty-five students, six worthy professors, enough money to pay all debts and purchase the advantages of creditable scholarship and improved apparatus; possessing a gilt-edged patronage, a fair chance for legacies and longevity, with or without existing fraternities, and in particular, a band of some six moral, social and intelligent young men who are anxious for admission, and will swear to live up to S. A. E's constitution. This estimate of college worth, although modest, is, I think reasonable, and sufficiently conservative for the advancement and progress of S. A. E., however short it may fall of flattering the pride of those solons who plume themselves on "conservatism" and "exclusiveness" and want the earth. But we will all agree that our strongest efforts should be directed toward the representative institutions of each section, for in them is present strength. Sometimes a smaller college in a new field becomes, however, the stepping stone to one of the larger universities. Adrian won Ann Arbor for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In a new section this is undoubtedly a wise policy and repays an hundred fold. Therefore, let us be patient in considering the claims of those colleges and universities in the west, even the comparatively young and small, for two decades will alter the relative standing of colleges east and colleges west, and to the pioneers shall belong the fruits of enterprise. In conclusion, we must buckle on the armor and wage our cause until the limits of our growth *are* only a nation's boundaries.

C. E. BURNHAM, KANSAS CITY, MO.:

"How small a school should S. A. E. enter?" In answer to that *quaere* it is material to determine first the proper construction to be placed upon the word "small." If by it is meant the magnitude of the endowment fund, or the number of attending students—then I give it up. To draw a line and say, "thus far shalt thou go, and no farther," were to me an indeterminate quantity. But if on the contrary is meant the standing of the school, its course of study and corps of instructors, then I should say, enter every college from which a graduate would have completed a course of study fairly broad and comprehensive in its scope, where the course of study is *thorough* and *high* and the professors competent.

The success of a chapter depends much upon the *material* that is to compose the *charter* members. If they be of the right stamp, the odds are that those who come after will be likewise. What S. A. E. wants is *men*. But there is a greater proportion of that class of the *genus homo*, to the number of students, in medium sized colleges than in some larger ones.

This narrow *clannishness*, which prompts a standing aloof from our equals or betters and hugging ourselves with the belief that we are just the finest fellows in the world, is all wrong.

We want members, but they must be men.

Then: given a school with a high and liberal course of study, flanked by a corps of competent instructors, and a band of boys worthy to become S. A. Es, I should say enter that school. Let the standard be the college's capacity and facility for developing a man along an educational line, rather than its magnitude in any way.

The value of "X," the unknown quantity, is not the size of the college, but the possible size of the *finished product* of that college. Of course the individual material must be gauged by S. A. E.'s own standard. But where there is sufficient probability of perpetuating a chapter in a given college, and the standing of that college, judging from its curriculum and corps

of professors, is high, broad and liberal, then if material be at hand, it is a place for S. A. E's royal purple and old gold.

H. C. BURGER, SALEM, OHIO:

The chances of establishing a chapter of S. A. E. at any college are contingent upon the number of students in attendance at that institution. In the opinion of the writer, there are other considerations of greater moment which are too often overlooked, while too much stress is placed upon mere numerical strength. Quality is always preferable to quantity, where a *real* fraternity is desired. The chapter is sometimes prostituted in order to become a potent factor in college politics; numbers may be desired for some other irrelevant purpose; but laying aside the latter phase of this question, we shall speak of the number of students requisite to support a chapter whose purposes and ends are pure and good.

To be consistent in discussing this question, one must be careful to add modifying and explanatory clauses to his assertions. Where a statement is true of one institution, of another it is false. Peculiar phases of character meet us at every point. While the general spirit of college life is everywhere the same, its details vary as to locality, conservatism in government and other minor characteristics. These must all be considered if we wish to get an intelligent digest of opinions on so important a subject. In this symposium it is but natural that local characteristics should be seen. The university student and the suburban collegian, we venture, will differ widely on this point of numerical strength.

An alumnus of a small but growing college, a college for the masses, where merit is the criterion of worth, and *not* birth, wealth or social position, I have a peculiar interest in the institutions of learning co-ordinate in rank with my *alma mater*. The value of the small college is great; too much can not be said in its favor. Our university brethren would perhaps exclude us from the ranks, and already look askance at us. Yet the vast majority of our college-bred men are the offspring of

these same small colleges. The universities themselves are fed to a large extent by men who have had their desire for a fuller knowledge awakened while within these same college walls.

No one objects to entering the universities and larger American colleges. It is to the small college that the inquiries are directed, and their numerical strength, first of all, asked for. No matter how good the men may be, it is to quantity rather than quality that too many of our chapters look. Of course first-class men alone are not always to be granted a charter. They may be in a preparatory or even high school. There is a golden mean somewhere, and to find that mean, is the purpose of these articles.

The fact of local characteristics already spoken of, makes it all the more difficult to fix a minimum number and say, "Thus far shalt thou go, but no farther." Some institutions where there are but three-score ten and five students, support half a dozen chapters of the best fraternities, and our own order should not hesitate to enter there. In general, we should not advise entering an institution with fewer than two hundred students. Except for the very best reasons this minimum should be observed. Personally, I favor a much smaller number, but it might not be the part of wisdom. Certainly there can be little danger of a chapter's death where there are two hundred students from which to gather recruits. In that number are always good men, and an enterprising and worthy chapter could easily secure them. Only let the college be a *live* one, and our success is assured.

R. P. MAHON, TENN. ETA:

The S. A. E. has certainly caught the spirit of the age; progress is being made both in the extension of the fraternity and in the development of local chapters. This should be inspiring to every loyal Sig, since the progress of our fraternity means the progress of truth and all those principles that characterize the true man.

I rejoice that within the pale of the S. A. E. there is known no north, no south, no east, no west, but that we are all animated by the same spirit, guided by the same motto and making for the same end.

The question with us is no longer the extension of the fraternity in any section, but into what kind of colleges shall we enter? What must be the standing of the school as to number of pupils and influence?

If I understand the spirit of the S. A. E., its prime object is to raise the standard of morality and scholarship among college students, and to infuse new life and aspirations into its members.

A live, progressive school is absolutely necessary to a live chapter, and a dead chapter exerts no influence over the school and is no benefit or honor to the fraternity.

Every man who is made a Sig, should be made to feel that a great honor has been conferred upon him, and that it is an honor of no small degree to belong to a college that has a chapter of the S. A. E. This could not be if we were to organize in colleges that have only a high school or academy course, or a limited number of students. As a *rule*, I believe, the college with a small number of students has a very short course and very little reputation and the boys who attend such institutions are not the kind to make Sigs out of. Besides, these schools do not hold their students long enough for them to become imbued with the spirit of our sacred order.

We should never lower the standard of excellence maintained in the S. A. E., but, if possible, raise it higher. Let us continue to push the work that has been so nobly begun, until we are represented by live chapters in every part of our country,—but let us *always* organize in colleges from which it is an honor for any young man to graduate. There may be colleges of high repute and wise influence that have a small number in attendance, but they are the exception, or there may be colleges recently established that in all probability will take their stand among the leading institutions of the country, that have not yet built up a large patronage. Into these it might be well to enter.

But a college that has been in operation any length of time and has not from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred pupils in attendance, does not seem to me to be a very inviting field for an S. A. E. chapter.

We must make trustees and presidents of colleges feel that it is an honor and recommendation for a school to have an S. A. E. chapter organized among its students; and to this end we must strive, and for this purpose we must raise the standard of social, mental and moral excellence, gather our recruits from the best men in the best colleges, so that in the future, Sigs may be found in the front ranks, filling the most honorable stations as ministers, teachers, lawyers and statesmen, blessing the world by their lives and reflecting credit and honor upon the S. A. E. Fraternity.

F. L. T. CINCINNATI, OHIO.

It is customary to scan the list of colleges in which a fraternity has chapters, and from this alone to judge its standing.

But is this the true criterion? The men who are members determine the standing. They are those from whom we form our opinion of any society.

In our largest educational institutions we find a score or more chapters of as many different fraternities. Sometimes there is a league or union of the older and stronger societies to keep out the men and if possible to exterminate the weaker. Men who don the colors and wear the badge of a society other than one of the "self-constituted select few" are not recognized. Indignities are heaped upon them until finding existence too precarious under circumstances such as these, they yield up their charter. On the other hand if they seem to be making headway against the tide, the "self-elected elite" reluctantly recognize their existence. A chapter formed thus of course will be sturdy and its members will ever be true.

However, all is not as easy as might be imagined as the following extract from the December number of Beta Theta Pi will illustrate. It says "It is with no little relief that we realize

that 'rushing' for a time, at least, is over. For 'rushing' to be a success in this university (Cornell), must be vigorous and persistent.

With twenty-three fraternities represented by active chapters, whose members for the most part are on the field of battle not only on the opening day, but for a week previous, competition becomes very brisk, and a freshman of any desirability at all is likely to be nicely entertained for the first two weeks. Some of the chapters have representatives at the stations, and it was reported that one even sent a member some distance out of town to board an incoming train to look over the material."

Let us look at the other side. Review the history of the prominent societies of today and we will find quite a number were organized at small colleges. Scan their list of prominent members and notice the number that are from those institutions we denominate small colleges.

The school does not make the man. If he has those innate qualities of mind and soul and they have attention and cultivation he is sure of success whether he attends a school with the word university or college annexed or if like Franklin he toils by himself. It is not the number of chapters or members but the quality of our members that we must scrutinize. We ought not to sacrifice the standard of our membership to increase our numbers.

But do not consider me unfavorable to placing chapters of S. A. E. in universities and large colleges. When we can secure worthy men, be it a small or large institution we should extend to them a most cordial and hearty welcome.

I long to see the day when from every good school in the land we may float our banner over true and loyal sons of S. A. E.

And if every institution which we enter be on a firm basis, have a good strong curriculum, a class of students who would enjoy fraternity life and a sufficient number to sustain it, then will the star of Sigma's success continue to shine with ever increasing brilliancy.

F. E. WOOD, MICHIGAN IOTA BETA.

The standard of extension is not numbers. Numbers do not make the college. In most cases the college makes the numbers. There are many colleges in the country that limit their numbers to a few. The standard of such schools is certainly something else. And there is more than one college of large numbers that is unworthy the entrance of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Few will deny that the standard by which to judge such and all institutions of learning from the Fraternity standpoint is *character*.

There is considerable conflict as to the meaning of character. Some include a significance that others reject. But our standard certainly involves at least a trinity of requirements. Every college that S. A. E. enters should have substantial endowment, high standing, and bright prospects. No one will dispute the first condition. As to the second some will declare that there are many schools throughout the country of mediocre standing which contain too good and too promising men for us to keep aloof. Then rather lose a few embryonic Washingtons and Clays than prejudice the interests of the Fraternity. A weak, inferior college may send forth an occasional man of note. But it is just as true that the strong schools send forth many more. Another may assert that the Fraternity is not injured by the chapters in schools of low grade. To answer, every chapter that is located in an inferior college is a burden to the Fraternity as a whole. The standing among other Fraternities is always lowered thereby.

As to the third condition this may appear to a few rather fanciful. Some colleges that today have darkened prospects may tomorrow have the brightest of them all, and vice versa. This statement is not substantiated by the greatest educators in the country. The time is coming soon, say they, when, like wealth, higher education will be in the hands of a few. There will be a culling out process, and only the fittest will survive. The college that has a poor outlook today in all probability will be the first to succumb to the sharp knife of time. Absolute

safety to the fraternity is assured only by securing a foothold in strong, healthy institutions.

Where can this standard be realized? Surely not in collegiate academies, poorly endowed colleges, or in old schools of low rank. Not necessarily in state schools, for the state school is not always well supported or high-ranked. Perhaps, though not always, in institutions devoted to specialties. There is a score or more colleges where our criterion is indubitably established. It behooves us to confine our attention and efforts to such ones. Where are they, then, concretely speaking? In all parts of the country. The South and East are out of consideration; the South because S. A. E. is already established in her best schools, the East because there is no more room. But the vast West and North-west are left, and therein is enough work to keep our beloved order active till the year of the millennial dawn. Few fraternities have as yet entered this great region. It includes colleges, some of which already rank among the foremost, others of which look to a grand and glorious future, many of which are well-endowed, and all of which are situated in the most vigorous and growing section of our country. The field is white unto the harvest. Instead of seeking in our own immediate vicinity for openings that do not exist, instead of fondly dreaming of a glorious Eastern Empire, instead of crying out "Open Sesame" to shrines unworthy our beloved order, let us look toward the setting sun where at last the "Golden Garden" of glory and power shall be won by Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The south is already ours by rightful inheritance. To this bequeathed treasure we can add by conquest the richest 'temples of wisdom' that lie toward the 'Golden Gate.' This done the time is not far distant when the sovereign rule of Sigma will be acknowledged from the academic groves of Florida to the classic cloisters of Michigan, and thence to the olympic seats of the distant rockies.



PHI ALPHA

Tune.—Red, White and Blue.

Oh, Phi Alpha, our badge plainly shows thee,
Thou motto our founder well chose,
With a wreath may we ever enclose thee,
Through thee our lov'd order arose;
All hail to the motto we cherish,
May we ever be strong and be bold,
And thy teaching and truth never perish,
While we all wear the purple and gold.

CHORUS.—While we all wear the purple and gold,
While we all wear the purple and gold,
And thy teaching and truth never perish,
While we all wear the purple and gold.
Oh, Phi Alpha, thy deep-hidden meaning,
We ever shall keep in our mind,
And to thee may we ever be leaning,
In thee sweetest solace may find;
We would follow thy precepts forever,
We members of Sigma's true fold,
Naught this bond of our union can sever,
While we all wear the purple and gold,

CHORUS.—While we all wear the purple and gold,
While we all wear the purple and gold,
Naught this bond of our union can sever,
While we all wear the purple and gold.
Oh, Phi Alpha, the future glows brighter,
The fires of our friendship still burn,
The clouds part, the sky grows the lighter,
To thee may our hearts ever turn;
Our hopes, and our fears and our duty,
To thee e'er be lovingly told,
Shine forth in thy strength and thy beauty,
While we all wear the purple and gold.

CHORUS.—While we all wear the purple and gold,
While we all wear the purple and gold,
Shine forth in thy strength and thy beauty,
While we all wear the purple and gold.

Ohio Sigma, 1890.

II. C. BURGER.

ALABAMA MU.

The University of Alabama was organized in 1820, and in 1847 received its first fraternity chapter, the Psi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, it being the seventh chapter of that order established.

D. K. E. was followed in 1851 by Alpha Delta Phi, establishing her Alabama chapter, and in 1855 Phi Gamma Delta entered with her Theta chapter.

These were the existing fraternities when Noble Leslie De Votie gathered round him the little band in 1856 that became the nucleus of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The D. K. E. chapter succumbed to the anti-fraternity laws in 1859, and was not revived until 1885. It has enrolled 134 members. The Alpha Delta Phi chapter died from the same cause in 1856, after having enrolled fifty-two men. It has never been revived. Phi Gamma Delta escaped the anti-fraternity laws by running *sub rosa*, but was killed by the war in 1863. It was revived in 1875, but adverse laws were again passed, and in 1878 the chapter once more gave up the ghost, having enrolled thirty-four men.

An independent chapter of Phi Beta Kappa exists at the university.

What influence the existence of these fraternities had in the organization of S. A. E. is not well known. We have only surmises as to why our order came into being.

It appears certain that we owe the shape of our badge, to the diamond badges of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta. If the existing fraternities were used as models in other respects, it is a source of gratification to S. A. Es to know that the patterns were societies of the highest standing in the east and west.

After having initiated twenty-one men, the chapter suspended, either on account of faculty opposition or the approach of war, probably the former. Of these twenty-one, fifteen, including

our honored founder, have gone to try the mysteries of the third degree.

Honorary members seem to have been unknown in the early days of the order, at least Mu has handed down a record of none.

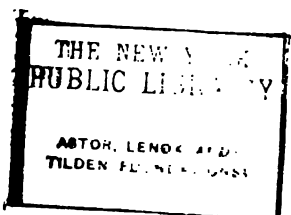
Four of the charter members of Mu, were members of the class of '56. Nathan E. Cockrell became editor of the *Livingston Messenger*, and died in 1859. Samuel M. Dennis left the university, was graduated at Princeton in 1857, and died in the Confederate service at St. Louis in 1864. Wade Foster became a merchant, and died at Marshall, Texas, in 1867. John B. Rudolph became colonel of the 10th cavalry, C. S. A., and after the war became a planter, at Pleasant Hill, Alabama, where he still resides.

Of the class of '57, DeVotie's class, but one still lives, Thos. C. Cook, whose biography we publish in another place. With the death of DeVotie, while in the service of his state, we are all familiar. Abner C. Patton died in 1863, in the Confederate service.

The class of '58, has two living representatives, Talbott Adams, of Sherman, Alabama, and Hon. N. N. Clements, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Brother Clements was graduated from Harvard, in 1859. At the outbreak of the war he entered the Confederate service, and rose to the rank of colonel. He has served three terms in the lower house of the legislature of Alabama, being speaker of that body for one term. He was a delegate to the Democratic National convention in 1876, and represented the Sixth congressional district of Alabama, in the Forty-sixth congress. At present, he is engaged in the practice of law.

Of the class of '59, John W. Kerr, alone still lives, a lawyer in St. Louis.

Of the class of '60, J. G. De Votie became editor of the *Columbus, (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun*, and died in 1881. James H. Judkins still lives at Wetumpka, Alabama. He was a captain





J. P. MORLEY,
IOWA SIGMA.

of cavalry in the C. S. A., and afterward private secretary to Gov. Watts, of Alabama. Thirteen of the twenty-one were in Confederate service, all but four being officers. Seven died in that service.

Such was mother Mu, such our founders. Men of nerve, men of determination, men of action. They have given our order an impetus, a vitality, that will last with time. They have handed down to us a record of courage, of manliness, of devotion to principle, worthy our highest admiration.

Alabama Mu was revived in 1886 by Alabama Iota, but was never vigorous, and ceased to live in 1890.

The university is now in excellent condition, and active steps should at once be taken to revive chapter Mu. The watchful eyes of Tennessee Zeta are already turned in that direction. Let that same energy that carries S. A. E's banner triumphant into new fields, be displayed in maintaining her power in old ones.

A FRONTIER SIG.

The handsome portrait in this issue represents Bro. J. P. Morley of Iowa Sigma. Bro. Morley was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Jan. 19, 1868. He was one of the charter members of Iowa Sigma and his name is one of the best known of our men in the far west. He was the first delegate to represent that section in a general convention and was honored with the office of secretary by the Cincinnati convention.

Only a sophomore—yet for two successive years he has won the oratorical honors of his college. In the recent Inter-Collegiate contest of Iowa college he was awarded second place. After completing his classical course at Simpson, Bro. Morley expects to enter either Northwestern or Boston university, to prepare himself for the ministry in the Methodist church.

Which ever school it may be, the fraternity may rest assured that a new chapter of S. A. E. will be announced soon after his arrival.

ONE OF OUR FOUNDERS.

Thomas Chappell Cook was born at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Sept. 19, 1836. He entered the University of Alabama and was associated with Noble Leslie DeVotie, Samuel M. Dennis, and others in the organization of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

There were already three fraternity chapters in existence at the university, but none of them presented that congenial atmosphere to our founders that they had in their own companionship, hence the organization of a new order which was destined to inculcate a high ideal of manhood into student life throughout the length and breadth of our land.

After completing one half of the junior year, Bro. Cook left the University of Alabama and entered Princeton with the same class standing, entering the junior class one half advanced. He was graduated with the class of 57, with high honors, receiving the degree of A. B. He also received the A. M. degree from Princeton.

Leaving Princeton he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and received his degree in medicine and surgery in '59.

Leaving Philadelphia he returned to his home in Alabama, and from there migrated in 1860 to Colorado county, Texas, where he has since resided.

In 1884 he was elected to represent the 67th district, in the 19th legislature of Texas, in which capacity he served the state with distinction.

At the close of his term he re-entered the practice of medicine, at Weimar, Texas., his present home, where he enjoys the distinction of being one of the most widely known physicians of his adopted state.

His skill has received a merited compliment in his appointment as United States examining surgeon by the present administration.

Bro. Cook still retains an active interest in the welfare of the order that he helped to launch, and is a regular reader of the Record.

In a personal letter to the editor he gave the founding of S. A. E. as 1855, instead of 1856 as is generally stated.

Far too little is known of the early history of our order. If any of the other members of old Mu will throw a little light on the when and why of S. A. E.'s birth, and the incidents relative thereto, they will confer a favor on every worshiper of the fair goddess, and every believer in Phi Alpha. In a future issue we hope to publish portraits of Bro. Cook and his associates.

NOBLE LESLIE DE VOTIE.

JAMES M. GLENN, ALABAMA IOTA.

The heart that thrilled with Sigdom's fire
And gave to it its birth,
Has ceased to beat its mystic strain
And sought its kindred earth.

Yet tho' that heart no longer beats
But in its grave it rests,
The mystic fire with which it burned
Has thrilled a thousand breasts.

And these now onward bear the flames
De Votie kindled then,
While on the altars of our hearts
Those flames burst forth again.

What tho' the hero lost his life
In his loved country's name,
We'll raise to him a monument
In Sigma's lasting fame.



EDITORIAL.

We hoped to have published the convention picture in this issue, but, frankly, the support we have so far received from the fraternity, did not justify us in going to any unnecessary expense.

We are pleased to present in this issue a number of responses to our question, "How small a college shall S. A. E. enter?" We endeavored to get all shades of opinion, from the most conservative to the most liberal, and we believe that the drift of the opinions expressed bodes well for the future healthy growth of S. A. E. The success of this, our first symposium, leads us to try another, and we present to the fraternity this question,— "Chapter death, what causes it?" By this question we do not refer to those chapters killed by war, hostile faculties or the death of institutions of learning, but to those chapters that die without apparent cause, or through what may be termed indifference. We hope to have many replies to this question, and hope they will take a practical turn and be the means of arresting any chapter on the road to "indifference," if such there be. As was suggested in a former issue of the RECORD, we believe some chapters die simply because they do not know how to live, because they fail to grasp the true meaning of their existence.

Let each of our chapter correspondents answer two questions in his next letter to the RECORD. First, "What do you do to make your meetings enjoyable?" Second, "What are you doing as a fraternity, outside of your meetings?" Use double your usual space if necessary, to answer them fully. We ask these questions because they are questions that interest us all, and that the experiences of our most enthusiastic chapters may be a stimulant to the more indifferent.

Our national flower, what shall it be? Many of the fraternities have adopted some flower to be worn as the national

flower of the order. Let us have suggestions from our chapter editors as to what flower S. A. E. should adopt, if any.

We respectfully call attention of the song book committee to the song in this issue by Bro. H. C. Berger, of Salem, Ohio, and cast our vote that it be selected as the national song of the order.

We wish to call special attention to the letter from Tennessee Zeta in this issue. There are several chapters that should take Bro. Bunting's advice to "keep the ranks full." If they do not we greatly fear there will be new tomb-stones in our fraternity grave yard ere long.

A good Dictionary is indispensable to a student. The new Webster, advertised on another page, has no superior.

The catalogue should have the earnest attention of the Supreme Council, for to that body the convention delegated the choice of a chapter to prepare the next edition. True, there is a nucleus in the present catalogue, but there is much matter to be supplemented. Nothing, after a good magazine, can be of so much use to any fraternity as a well-edited catalogue. As it is desired to have the next edition ready at the convention of 1892, work upon it should not be delayed. Let the Supreme Council choose the chapter at once, and let the work be pushed to completion.—H. C. B.

It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of Alabama Mu, our mother chapter. But with two strong chapters in the state and many alumni, there is no reason why she should remain dormant. We are advised that the university has opened with an increased attendance. Brother Sigs of Alabama, with you rests the duty of seeing that the chapter of DeVotie has an early, a brilliant resurrection from its present obscurity.

A movement is on foot in Virginia among fraternity men

looking to the abolition of the anti-fraternity laws of the Virginia military institute. Petitions are being circulated throughout the state asking the signatures of Greeks of all denominations. Already several hundred have been secured including the names of many of the leading men of the state. These petitions will be sent to the Board of Visitors at their annual meeting and there is a fair prospect of their being granted. We hope the Virginia Sigs are giving their hearty support to this movement. S. A. E. at large has an interest in its success. Our Theta lies buried at the institute.

The finance committee is far too easy with delinquent chapters. If every delegate knew he was to be called before the convention and explain why his chapter was behind, a greater effort would be made to have a receipt in full before the convention meets.

It speaks poorly for fraternity journalism that after about fifteen years of practical experimenting, there should have been no specific remedy found for delinquent chapter editors. *Records, Scrolls, Journals and Quarterlies* may come and go under new covers, new managements and from new places of publication, but still there are found on every roll a few chapters conspicuous by the absence of their regular chapter letter. Occasionally some novitiate editor-in-chief, swelling with just pride at the result of his "two letters, a circular, three postals and a C. O. D. telegram, sent to each chapter," as his editorial announces, advertises to the Greek world that his letter department for *this* issue is complete. It will hardly repeat itself, however, until a new management comes along, full of fraternity enthusiasm, willing to kill itself with work, to prove its unselfish devotion. Such things will do for experiments, and doubtless every manager of a fraternity magazine has made one or more of them, but you cannot expect a man of business in this progressive generation, to live on experiments. They are too expensive. The chapter that is worthy a charter can at least find

one man capable, willing and anxious to send a readable letter to each RECORD. A fine of two dollars for each offense against the letter department—as is now exacted by some of our exchanges—would insure the selection of proper editors, by the chapters, and would necessitate as well the performance of duty by the member selected. Personal responsibility sung to the tune of two dollars, by our next convention, might change things. At least the stingy men would write, and even that would be an advantage. Send in your chapter letter. H. S. B.

The question of publishing a new catalogue, was referred by the convention, to our Supreme Council. They are to investigate, formulate a plan of publication and devise “ways and means.” Few fraternities have excelled the catalogue of our order published by Brother A. J. Smith, in 1885. Up till the time of its appearance, our sources of information were often inaccurate, and, to say the least of it, meagre. With that as a basis, we should now be able to compile a gem of a catalogue—handsome, reliable and complete. The number of “residences unknown,” it includes, should be reduced to a minimum. The profession or business of every member should be recorded. The rolls of the dead chapters, especially, should be investigated, and changes noted, as they are the most apt to go overlooked. For accumulating the needed information no better medium can be found than the RECORD’s pages. They are perused by every member. Corrections can be made, suggestions offered and information given through our magazine better than by private correspondence. It will contribute as well, much to the RECORD’s interest and value. Now is the time for individual chapters to trace up their alumni, learn their biographies and compile what is needed for publication. Private help will expedite matters greatly when the time comes to compile for the press. Let us have the best and most serviceable catalogue yet published. H. S. B.

From the appearance of that part of the RECORD devoted to

new initiates, the E. Cs seem to have forgotten what is expected of them. Every issue should contain the initiates up to the time of going to press. It is a matter of interest and gratification, often, to find whom a special chapter has initiated. This information should always be within reach of both student and alumnus. In this connection it would be well if the chapter editor would always include *the name and home address of every initiate to date*, when sending in his letter. H. S. B.

It is a matter of some interest to speculate as to how long the fraternity idea will last. The sanguine frat-man will always respond "till the Kingdom Come." The malicious anti-frat will say "till we bust them up or kill the universities." The hard-headed "Prof." who was not asked to join when he went to college, and who never could see any good in Nazareth, will pray that Satan take his own while he may, and gather the Greeks with his arch-fiends ere they plot against Paradise; but that magazine which published its deceased members as "Initiates into the Grand Chapter," evidently wants to dodge this speculation, and if earth should pass away, to have secured her corporate existence in another atmosphere. The wisdom of such a course is questionable. However that may be, one thing is yet certain: As long as the care-worn, lonesome, longing heart of the American college boy is unregaled by the husks of a barb's existence, so long as the well-conducted fraternity offers him the grasp of a manly hand, the glance of a kindly eye and the sympathy, confidence and esteem of a sincere brother, just so long will the fraternity idea exist, will its principles triumph, will the Greek-letter fraternity remain the foremost factor of the college world. H. S. B.

No greater problem confronts S. A. E. today than that of how to retain the active support of her alumni. The future growth and prosperity of our order depends on its solution.

The Record can never take its proper place in the ranks of fraternity Journalism until the alumni give it a more liberal

support. One alumnus subscriber out of every forty does not indicate a surplus of enthusiasm.

Our conventions are not attended by the older members of the fraternity as they should be and as the conventions of some other fraternities are—that we could mention.

Our chapters must have the financial support of their alumni in order to establish themselves on a permanent basis.

We believe there is a big field for work in S. A. E. along chapter lines, in holding the loyal support of our alumni. An alumnus likes to know that he is remembered by the boys of the chapter, that source of pleasure to him while in school, and he likes to hear how they are prospering.

In some fraternities the chapters are required to publish annually, and to mail to each alumnus, a circular giving a history of the year's work and the whereabouts of each absent member. Such a system should be inaugurated by S. A. E. The older and stronger chapters should at once interest their alumni in chapter houses. Nothing will hold a man's heart loyal to any movement like a financial investment in its behalf. And perhaps our alumni of the '50s, '60s and '70s would attend our conventions if we would arrange a place for them in the exercises. If possible at Augusta, let us have an evening devoted to speeches by the old-time Sigs.

Perhaps the Record would receive a more liberal support if its pages paid a little more attention to the Sigs in active life. No man becomes so engrossed in business cares that the recollections of his college associations are not a pleasure to him. He longs to know what has become of Dick, and Tom, and Charlie. Look up your prominent alumni, send us the biography of each, and let no year pass without mentioning in some way every absent member of your chapter. Any persons seeing newspaper clippings relating to any Sig, please send them to us.

We believe our system of appointing Grand Chapters could be improved. Each province should always have its most active chapter in that place. Were it made a rule that the chapter in each province, most satisfactorily meeting all its obligations to the order should be Grand Chapter for the succeeding year, we should not only always have the most faithful chapter but a rivalry for the position would be aroused which could not fail to benefit the general treasury. In case the record of any two chapters was equally good, the preference should be given to the older chapter.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. W. L. Lowrie of Elgin, Ill., has consented to take charge of publishing the Record, and it will appear from that place hereafter. With a member of the fraternity to look after the details of printing, binding, etc., and especially one thoroughly conversant with the publishing business as is Mr. Lowrie, better results can be expected than could possibly be attained in any other way. All communications should be addressed to Pittsburg as heretofore.

That no official communication appeared in the last Record was no fault of Bro. Capers. It was written and received in time for publication, but was omitted through an oversight on the part of the editor. We promise that this will not occur again.

If any member wishes to know why the last Record was delayed let him glance at the column of "Amount due" in the annual report of the E. S. A.

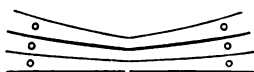
Chapter editors should always state in their letters the number of men in school, in order that we may keep our mailing list corrected to date.

We deplore the fact that so many of our chapters are not alive to the value of fraternity songs, as a means of making their

meetings more enjoyable and arousing fraternity enthusiasm. At some fraternity conventions, fraternity songs are one of the most enjoyable features. Our song book has "hung fire" too long. If the chapters would but make an effort, we could have the book out before the close of the college year. Two songs from each chapter, in addition to what we have, would be sufficient. Certainly no chapter of S. A. E. is willing to confess it has not the talent to do that much.

How long must Sigs apologize for having neglected to bring their books, when called upon at public fraternity gatherings to render a fraternity selection?

CHAPTER HOUSES.—This subject is being agitated by the fraternity world. And well it may, for there is nothing of more vital importance to a fraternity than the question of whether or not she shall have homes of her own. S. A. Es should cast about to see if anything can be done in this line for our fraternity. It is evident that, if each chapter would institute a method by which each active and alumni member should subscribe a certain amount per year, say from ten to twenty dollars for a specific number of years, it would be very easy to build a home for each chapter. By this method no one would be seriously inconvenienced, and the benefit that would accrue to the chapters is incalculable. This would not be an arbitrary rule, as each brother would subscribe only as much as he felt that he was able to pay. Let the brothers consider this matter, and if any one has a better plan, the fraternity should know of it as soon as possible, in order that something may be done. E. L. C.



PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

PA. OMEGA.

T. M. Morrison, '90, is superintendent of public schools at Waterford, Pennsylvania.

F. R. Work, '90, is studying law in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

F. A. Collins, '90, holds the position of principal in Jamestown Seminary.

F. W. McQuisten, '88, is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, at Oil City, Pennsylvania.

L. E. White, '90, is in the employ of N. Y. P. and O. R. R.

J. E. Hurd, '90, is on an engineering corps at Havre, Montana.

F. W. Thumper, '91, is chief draftsman at Ceredo, West Virginia.

A. L. Bush, '88, is attending the Pennsylvania College of Pharmacy, at Philadelphia.

MICHIGAN IOTA BETA.

Brother Fred E. King, Michigan Iota Beta, is in the employ of the American Water Works Company, at Denver, Colorado.

Brother G. C. McDairmind, Michigan Iota Beta, is at his home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Brother N. Sakurai has gone to southern California on account of his health.

ALABAMA IOTA.

Brother N. Le G. Whitfield is a successful planter at Carthage, Alabama. Brother Whitfield represented Tuscaloosa county in the Alabama house of representatives, during the session of 1886 and 1887.

Brother W. P. Hurt has in charge the Methodist Episcopal church South, at Greenville, Alabama. Brother Hurt, on

leaving the Southern University, took a high stand in the conference which he joined. He is an eloquent speaker and fine reasoner, and is considered one of the rising young preachers of the Alabama conference.

Brother E. W. DeGraffenreid, is one of the rising lawyers of Eutaw, Alabama. He is an honor to his chapter, and ere the nineteenth century has closed, we expect to place him among the great men of S. A. E.

Brother W. W. Moore, after receiving the M. A. degree, was stationed as a minister in North Alabama, but bad health caused him to quit the active ministry, and adopt teaching as a profession. Brother Moore is now at the head of a high-grade institution situated at Bimsville, Mississippi.

Brother G. W. Burton is connected with Brother Moore in his school in Mississippi. Brother Burton is especially well fitted for this responsible position, as he is said to have been one of the best students that ever attended the Southern University. He is continuing his studies with a view of taking Ph. D.

Brother E. Y. Dent has for the the last few years been teller in the Eufaula National Bank. He is recognized as one of the best business men in Eufaula.

Brother J. M. Kendall, one of Eufaula's most prosperous young business men, is connected with one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in Eufaula, Alabama. Brother Kendall, by his pluck and energy, has shown that he has marked ability for business. He is connected as partner with the McCormack-Kendall Grocery Company.

Brother C. A. Jones is now connected with the Montgomery Dryer Company, of Birmingham, Alabama. The following is an extract from the *Eastman College Journal*:

"Although Mr. Jones was with us only a short time, we felt when he left this city, as if we had become well enough acquainted with him to prophesy with certainty his success. From the very beginning of his course, he had shown a disposition to make the best use of his time, and it was a common remark that no one seemed more anxious to improve, or to use greater care in the performance of his work. * * *

"Thus, Mr. Jones, before his course was finished, was re-engaged by a former

employer, at an increased salary, and before the end of a year was given a position in one of Birmingham's banks. There he would have had, no doubt, rapid promotion, but for a failure of health, one of those misfortunes to which we are all subject. We trust no permanent ill consequences will be experienced by him, both on account of our friendship for him, and because of his active efforts in behalf of the college, for not less than half a dozen men have come to us recently, through his recommendations."

Brother S. H. Dent, Jr., is well known to the S. A. Es who attend the conventions. As a recognition of his oratorical ability, his literary society at the Southern University chose him to deliver the address on her anniversary occasion last year. Brother Dent is the youngest alumni of the society who has thus been honored. Brother Dent has an excellent law practice in Eufaula, Alabama.

TENN. ZETA.

Prof. J. M. Gordon '87, Peachers Mill, Tenn., is now the father of a fine boy.

Cary F. Gholson '89, has accepted a position in his brother's drug store at Holly Springs, Miss.

Our esteemed brother, W. L. Stewart '88, was compelled to leave Princeton and is now quite ill at his home, Natchez, Miss.

Hugh Foster '88, raises blooded horse stock at his home, Union Springs, Ala., on week-days and plays violincello for the church choir on Sundays.

Prof. Edwin W. Fay A. M., Ph. D., one of Zeta's staunch founders, since completing his course at Johns Hopkins, has become tutor of Sanscrit at Ann Arbor. We hope that he will stand by Iota Beta.

Dr. Jos. Bardwell A. M., D. D., one of S. A. E.'s honored sons, is the professor of Metaphysics and Bible at Southwestern Presbyterian University. He is known as one of the best friends the students have in the institution.

OHIO SIGMA.

Brother E. L. McMillan, '89, who has been a reporter on the *Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette* for several months past, and Bro.

C. C. Carroll, Ohio Sigma '86, have purchased the St. Clairsville, Ohio *Chronicle*. The Brothers will make it a Sig paper about April 1st.

Brothers G. S. Patterson, K. W. Lynn and C. E. Schilling are attending medical lectures at Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother H. A. Ernst is now a student at Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.

Brother D. M. King is a cadet in the academy at West Point, and is making a fine record there.

Brother S. F. Kallenbaugh is in F. H. Hartzell's real estate office in Alliance, Ohio.

Brother J. M. Cook is one of Uncle Sam's faithful employes—deputy postmaster of Alliance, Ohio.

Brother L. A. Leonard, a benedict of long standing, is teaching at his home in Limaville, Ohio.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Brother Harry R. Lowrie, Michigan Alpha '85, of the Detroit *News*, recently published an article on Robert Burns in that paper which has been copied very extensively.

Brother F. W. Pierpont, Michigan Alpha '84, is making a name for himself in the literary world. He is editor of the *East End Society News*, of Pittsburg, Pa., a contributor to *Puck* and other leading papers.

Brother S. M. Rinehart, Michigan Alpha '88, will receive the degree of M. D. from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, early in April and expects to enter the Homeopatic Hospital, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Brother F. H. Kinney, Michigan Alpha '88, is meeting with success in the practice of law at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother J. A. Jones, Michigan Alpha '86, is profitably engaged in the publishing business in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother E. D. McCafferty, Michigan Alpha, is teaching school near his home at Harrison, Ohio.

Brother C. D. Wightman, Michigan Alpha '89, is engaged

with a railroad surveying party near his home at Medina, Ohio. He expects to enter Ann Arbor in the fall.

Brother Guy Varney, Michigan Alpha '89, is one of the rising young business men of Manhattan, Kansas.

Brother N. L. Jones is engaged in the hardware business in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Brother C. A. Dungan will be graduated from Franklin college, Indiana, in June. Brother Dungan expects to take a theological course either at Yale or Boston.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Georgia Psi—Mercer University, Macon.

Although not having yet received our last number of the RECORD, (its publication being unavoidably delayed a little) it again becomes our pleasant duty to contribute a few lines to the correspondence matter of the next issue.

We are always glad of an opportunity of saying a word in behalf of our noble order, and of informing our sister chapters and the brotherhood at large, of her workings and interests in our midst. As time flits swiftly by, it leaves behind many pleasures and fondly cherished hopes and affections that will ever be buried in the sea of forgetfulness. It brings some of us very near the closing scenes of our college career, when we shall bid adieu to all its pleasures and associations, and step out upon the arena to fight the battle of life. Our college surroundings and associations may be forgotten, but our fraternity—never. We are not ashamed of the name S. A. E.; nay, but proud of it, and we believe that the love and zeal of each one of us for her, grows stronger day by day.

Since our last letter we have added to the chain that binds us

in the bonds of fraternal union, one more link, in the person of Mr. G. F. Brinson, who promises to make us an active and useful member. We are also, just now, exerting our efforts to secure three other men, two of whom were well recommended to our fraternal courtship, and the other we know to be O. K. We are hopeful that we may soon have the pleasure of giving to all these the "grip and the bump."

Mercer University, under the management and enthusiasm of her worthy president, Dr. Nunnally, is rapidly growing in the favor of the people of not only this, but adjoining states, and her present bespeaks for her a future of prosperity, and a merited reputation second to none other institution in the South. For Sigma Alpha Epsilon, we can but predict a corresponding future, and expect to make our chapter one of the strongest and most active within her bounds, by successively introducing into her ranks some of Mercer's best and brightest boys.

Hoping soon to receive our RECORD, and to have encouraging reports from all our sister chapters, we remain in the bonds of S. A. E.

C. T. BROWN.

Georgia Tau—State Tec. Institute, Atlanta.

Seven men answered to roll call at our first meeting after the holidays, all being present except Brother George Freeman, who was very sick at his home. He has decided not to return this term, but will return next fall. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: E. A., Ed. F. Jackson; E. D. A., Neal Keely; E. R., Bridge; E. T., Will Draper; E. C., Ross Harper; E. W., Ed. Sheffield; E. H., Rogers Davis.

We have eight men now, and have hopes of getting three more in the near future. Brother Will Draper intends going to the University of Georgia, at Athens, next year. We have just finished our regular mid-term examinations, and all are settling down to work again. We were all disappointed in not getting the January RECORD. We have made arrangements for getting a hall, and will occupy it in about two weeks. By subscriptions

from the alumni here, we have secured a sum sufficient to furnish a room handsomely. We could not get a hall in the school building, but have secured a nice one in the business part of the city.

Fraternally,

15 Merriitts Avenue.

ROSS HARPER.

Alabama Iota—Southern University, Greensboro.

At the request of the chapter editor, who is now ill, I proceed to give to the fraternity, as best I can, the news of Alabama Iota.

The most marked characteristics of the chapter, at the present time, are her friendly attitude toward all the other chapters in the institution, and the brotherly love that exists among her members. It may not always be possible to be in friendly relations with the different chapters in an institution, but it should never be said that a Sig was at enmity with one of his brothers.

Our meetings are becoming more interesting than ever before, if possible. Every brother seems to enter into the spirit of the occasion, and consequently there is always something of interest to every one. It is a relief to be able to withdraw one's self from the outside world for a short while, and commune with friends. Then it is that we can realize the true aims of fraternity life.

The relations between the different fraternities have been very cordial all the year. There have been no disturbances between any of the orders, of a serious nature. They all seem to realize that it is the aim of a fraternity to elevate her members, and not to seek college honors. If we could be certain of securing this state of affairs all the time, there would be no need of the Pan Hellenic movement. It is sad to think that institutions with the same grand aims should ever be at variance.

Brother James M. Glenn will be one of the representatives of his society on her anniversary occasion. On the same occasion Brother Burchfiel will represent the society as secretary. The senior class elected Brother James M. Glenn, president; Brother T. M. Patterson, poet; and Brother E. L. Crawford, historian.

The class has its celebration in May. In the recent elections of the Belles Lettres society, the society saw fit to elect Brother L. M. Lipscombe as one of the commencement orators. We feel sure that the honor was not misplaced, and that Brother Lipscombe will do his society credit on that occasion.

In our elections for the second term, the following officers were selected: L. M. Lipscombe, E. A.; T. M. Patterson, E. D. A.; E. G. Burchfiel, E. R.; J. W. Eckford, E. W.; J. S. Freeman, E. H.; and C. H. Motley, E. Ch.

On account of sickness and other causes, Brothers Dent, McRae, Butler, and Clarke, left college. We regret having to give up these brothers, but hope to have them with us next year. Our number is now twelve. Fraternally,

E. L. CRAWFORD.

S. C. Delta—University of South Carolina, Columbia.

The intermediate examinations are at last over, and among the distinguished and proficient men S. A. E., as usual, has her share.

The beginning of the second term of the university year added one more brother to Delta's number—Brother W. Weston of Tennessee Omega (Sewanee)—who has entered our institution instead of returning to the University of the South.

Brother H. L. Elliot, Jr., has been elected one of the associate editors of the University Carolinian from the Euphiadean Society.

Brother A. A. Moore, who went home sick about the 5th of February, has not yet returned to the university. It is sincerely hoped that he will soon be well again.

It has about been decided to have a Pan-Hellenic banquet and German again this year.

S. C. Delta is still longing for the minutes of the December convention, and also for the January RECORD, neither of which have yet been received. For the delay of the latter we have

received a satisfactory explanation. But when almost two months have elapsed since the adjournment of the convention, and the minutes have not yet been received, it does seem that there has been some unnecessary slowness somewhere—we do not know where. There may be good reasons for the delay, but Delta has been given no explanation.

S. C. Delta is very desirous of knowing for what purpose most of the chapters elect an E. C.

In our November letter we called upon the chapters to obey the constitution and keep up the correspondence between each other. But it seems that our appeal did very little good, at least so far as the receiving of letters by this chapter is concerned. Since the beginning of our session last October the total number of chapter letters received by us has been only about six or eight. The E. C.'s cannot be doing their duty. It is true that the mail service in this part of the country has not been of the best for the last two years, but even with this drawback we hardly think all of the letters that should have been written us were lost in the mails. Wake up, E. C.s'!

In the *State*, a daily issued here, of Feb. 24, the following appeared: "Chapter Delta of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at the university, with a staunch friend from the Chi Psi Fraternity, last night serenaded the young ladies of the South Carolina College for women, and several of their lady friends in the city. The music, which was of a rare degree of excellence, was furnished by a troupe of traveling minstrels."

As the January Record has not yet been received, no comment can be made upon it. But we feel sure that the first issue by our new editor will be fully up to our expectations.

Fraternally,

F. C. WITHERS.

N. C. Xi—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Our Records arrived after so long a time and everybody is highly pleased with this issue. All say with one accord that we have the right man for editor.

Xi is still at the head of the ten fraternities here, not only in numbers but in every other respect. It is our intention to give on Wednesday of commencement week, June 3, an afternoon favor German. The members and alumni of chapter Xi have contributed right liberally and "cepin Wednesday afternoon fails to come" we will give the swellest thing ever seen at the university. It is to take place with closed doors, only the select few outside of the fraternity to be asked. The editor of our chapter for the University Annual was elected business manager. The Annual will be out about April 15 and Xi would be glad to exchange with any sister chapter whose college get out one. Hoping to see a good big number of our brethren from other chapters at our German, I am, fraternally,

J. M. MOREHEAD.

Va. Pi—Emory & Henry College (sub rosa), Emory.

Again it becomes our pleasure, just as we are entering upon the spring term, to let Sigdom know that Va. Pi still lives.

At the beginning of this year, when our esteemed brothers Guffith and French left us, the future looked exceedingly gloomy with only two of us to guide the little bark of S. A. E. At Emory and Henry college it looked as though chapter Pi would soon be a thing of the past. We have at last succeeded in securing four again. Though weaker numerically than our Greek rivals, we feel safe in saying that in the end we will come out with our share of the honors as we have always done.

The hostile "barbs," who last year formed themselves into a local fraternity, have recently sprung up again, demanding their rights(?)

Since our last letter we have been sorely grieved by the death of our beloved brother N. G. Newbill of Palestine, Texas, who graduated at this college in the class of '88.

We have recently initiated Bro. J. L. Faust of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Brother Faust graduates this year with first honor and is a man who will always reflect honor upon our beloved order and one of whom we are justly proud.

We believe in never taking in any one who will not reflect honor upon our ranks. Hence our small number at present. What we lack in quantity we try to make up in zeal. We hope to do some good work at commencement, if not before, and if we do, you may rest assured they will be well worthy of the purple and gold.

Our officers, as elected at the beginning of the spring term, are as follows: J. Z. Faust, E. A.; J. F. Sloan, E. D. A.; H. H. Atkinson, E. C.; D. M. Sanders, E. T.; H. H. Atkinson, editor.

Fraternally,

H. H. ATKINSON.

*Tennessee Zeta—Southwestern Presbyterian University,
Clarksville.*

The boys of Zeta were made wondrously happy by the receipt of the last RECORD. At their distribution you could see Sigs going off in every direction seeking a quiet corner. None were disappointed. In fact most of them read it and re-read it three times, from cover to cover. We have nothing but praise for Brother Cowan for his sample effort, and expect to see the RECORD, under his able management, become the peer of anything in college fraternity journalism. This improvement, however, must lie largely with each chapter, for the sum of their efforts make up the whole. Let those of our chapters who "never have anything of interest to say" in their regular letters, see that new correspondents are installed, or that the old ones chronicle something about the chapter and its achievements, the institution, the rival Greeks and all the other things which make an interesting letter. Our chapters at some of the larger institutions, especially, treat *us* badly, and we fear, *themselves* as well, if you take a newsy letter as an indicator of what the chapter is doing for herself. Those at a distance have no other rule by which to judge and it is surprising how really good-for-nothing a chapter generally proves to be, that habitually ignores or makes but a poor excuse for the chapter letter. Run over your file of RECORDS and you will find that nearly every chapter that

has died of late years, began to die in advance a year or two by "not having anything of interest to relate" in the chapter letter. A chapter that has nothing to say, we can safely conclude, is not doing anything, and a chapter that is not doing anything will surely die. Make the best *fraternity man* in your chapter the RECORD correspondent and you will have no more trouble. We are glad to see our new E. S. A. putting forth such vigorous efforts to upbuild S. A. E. Under the generalship of John G. Capers, we predict that a number of old bulwarks will soon be retaken and many others planted in new territory. This brings us to extension. Tennessee Zeta is heart, hand and purse in the work. We are patiently knocking at the doors of three worthy institutions, and success in time must be ours. We are proud to lay before the chapters our petition for Colo. Chi, to be located at the University of Colorado. Brother Flood, of Denver, will conduct the installation. Our eyes are also turned on Brother West, of Fort Smith, whom we expect to found Arkansas Alpha-Omega, at the state university. The other is still in the bud. Brother Hersman promises to found a chapter on the Pacific slope when he returns to California. Thus let the good work go on. Let every chapter have at least one institution to work on every year. Such a course would soon win S. A. E. the banner. If any brother thinks there is no college which he can lay siege to, let him correspond with our E. S. A., and he may point one out for him.

Tennessee Zeta recently sent out a printed circular to her alumni, the purpose of which was threefold. First, to acquaint them of her welfare, and the prosperity of S. A. E.; second, to collect full and accurate data in good time for the new catalogue; third, to make an appeal for their support, financial and literary, in behalf of the RECORD. We hope that it will succeed in its important mission. The chapter proposes to follow up this circular shortly with another on a subject of vast importance to Zeta and her alumni. Perhaps we will have something to say before long.

As to college work, I can report the Sigs all busy in one way

or another. The annual debate between the literary societies will occur on March 13th. From W. I. L. Society, Bunting and Haden are the champion and second debaters, respectively, and from the Stewart Society, McDougall is the second. Our list of graduates will be an unusually full one. For the degree of A. B., we have the following aspirants: McNeilly, McCallie, Graves, McDougall, Burton and Bunting; for the B. D. of the Theological Department: Haden and Tims, both of whom are A. Bs, already. As to the future occupations of our degreemen, so far as can be told, Haden will go as missionary to Japan; Tims enters the home ministry; McNeilly and McCallie will study law; Graves and McDougall will study theology; Burton can't bring his mind to a focus, and Bunting enters the field of journalism. Zeta will lose some old landmarks in June. Brother Tims was first ushered into the inner lights of S. A. E. in 1883, and Brother Haden in 1885. Some others of the graduates have been members three and five years. At present our chapter numbers but seventeen men, Brother Charles C. Carson having left us on account of sickness. This is the third loyal frater we have had to give up for the same cause this year, and it makes us feel rather gloomy to see the boys drop out one by one. If the traditions of Zeta had not been always to keep full ranks, these losses would have materially crippled the chapter, but we were prepared for such an emergency. We are sorry to lose the associations of a single man, but several successive losses cannot interfere with the regular course of our chapter, *for we prepare for emergencies, and build for the future.* A small clique may be congenial to some fraternity men, but it can never fulfill the destinies of an ideal chapter; and of necessity, the existence of a small chapter *is always precarious.* Our K. A. friends came nearly illustrating this point this session, and the present prospect is that their chapter will die out before long if they do not have better luck. The chapter numbered six men at one time during the year, but for various reasons they lost five of them, until one only was left. He has since added another, making two men in the chapter. S. A. E. would be

sorry to lose the company of K. A., as our relations have always been cordial here. We cite this case, that those of our weak chapters who always report from "five to seven members," may take warning. The first duty of each chapter, is to perpetuate itself, and depleted ranks are a very poor way to succeed at this.

Athletics are on a boom at S. W. P. U. The wind played a trick on our gymnasium recently by upsetting it, or rather by blowing it down. Hitherto, muscle has been below par, but you remember the saying that "The blood of the martyr is the seed of the church." The same principle applies in athletics. S. W. P. U. can hardly contain the wave of atheletic enthusiasm which has swept over her campus since the gymnasium went down. Immediately afterwards an association was formed, a field day was applied for and granted, some contests were arranged for, Brother Hugh Hersman, the ex-wooly cowboy from California, was elected president of the association, and foot-ball is the absorbing topic of conversation and exercise. Field Day will occur about May 1st.

The Tennessee Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association has been undergoing some radical changes, but promises to hold her own. The four societies of the association representing Vanderbilt and Sewanee, withdrew to form an inter-collegiate contest among a few prominent southern institutions. To fill the vacancy the University of Tennessee came back in with two societies. S. W. B. University was admitted with two, and invitations extended to other societies at Cumberland University, and Grant University (Chattanooga.) The association will probably be stronger than ever this year, and bids fair to continue her mission of usefulness. S. W. P. U. favors the organization of a genuine inter-state contest of the South, to be composed of the various state associations now in successful operation as units, and in which the victor of each state contest shall represent his local association in the inter-state contest. Such an association would be truly representative, and would, in addition, stimulate the various contests now existing, as well as operate to form new ones, in those southern states without

associations. Your correspondent had the honor of writing the new constitution recently adopted by the Tennessee Oratorical Association. The coming contest will probably occur on April 24th, but the place of meeting has not yet been determined. Perhaps it will be Clarksville.

Fraternally,

HARRY S. BUNTING.

Tenn. Zeta, Additional.

Since writing our letter Tennessee Zeta has achieved the first notable victory of the campaign. As stated before the S. A. E.'s and non-frats almost equally divided the speaker's places in the preliminary contests, none of the other frats securing a single appointment. On the night of February 27th occurred the first final test of ability, it being the occasion of the Joint-Society Declamatory Contest in which four Sigs and four "barbs" participated. The beautiful gold medal was awarded to our worthy young brother, W. T. Stakely, of Union Springs, Alabama, who was the first initiate of Zeta chapter last term. Brother Stakely is taking a fine stand as a student and in fraternity work, and is one of Zeta's coming hustlers. He is our E. C. and is trying to organize a move to revive our mother chapter next fall. The co-operation of the Alabama alumni and chapters is solicited. Correspond with him.

H. S. B.

Tenn. Eta—S. W. B. U.—Jackson.

Since my last letter we have been progressing grandly. We have recently taken in another member, Brother Kimbrough, and he is now all smiles and very enthusiastic in praise of S. A. E.

We are still working in the interest of our chapter house. A subscription is being raised and we expect soon to give a grand musical and elocutionary entertainment to raise money for that purpose. It will be the first entertainment ever given by a Greek fraternity in this city, and we expect Eta's

"Billy" to cut many capers before the evening of the disturbance, and have a full house to listen to the delightful music which the sweethearts of our *gallant* boys will make, interspersed with some of Eta's oratory.

The boys are now perusing the library for information on June speeches. The program for the commencement has been completed and we have a considerable majority. Nine Greeks against three barbarians. There are only three in the graduating class this year and two of them are Sigs.

We have nineteen members at present, but the number will be greatly reduced at the close of the year. C. J. Wing and the writer will have finished our course. J. L. Davis will attend a medical college next year and Forrest Smith expects to teach younger minds for a livelihood, while others will engage in whatever profitable employment comes handy, and perhaps some have already imbibed the sentiments of the poet when he said:

"Home is where affection calls,
Filled with shrines the heart hath builded;
Home!—go watch the faithful dove,
Sailing 'neath the heavens above us,
Home is where there's one to love,
Home is where there's one to love us."

We are all very much pleased with the last number of the RECORD. The same breeze must blow amid the coal regions of Pennsylvania that whistles through the palmettos of S. C.

May the RECORD continue to record.

Fraternally,

J. A. MOUNT

Tenn. Nu—Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

I regret exceedingly that I was unable to send a letter for the last number of the journal, and shall make proof of the genuineness of that regret by a prompt response to your recent call. Since the object of the RECORD is to bring the several chapters into a conversational relation, I might better, in the first instance, chronicle the events of the past few weeks.

Brothers Spence and Campbell were highly pleased with the Cincinnati convention, and by their reports of it made us all wish that we had been present. General satisfaction is expressed with the results of the convention.

Nu has lost several members of late by graduation and withdrawal.

Brother Campbell has gone to his home at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and has taken charge of a church near that place.

Brother Brunson has gone home on account of sickness in his family.

Brothers Bowles, Cutliffe and Mills of the Dental Department received their diplomas on the 25th of February.

Brother Hardwick, an affiliate from Emory and Henry, received an injury in the gymnasium and has withdrawn from the university. Brothers Puples, Atchison, Hall and Harrison have left, the medical department upon which they were attending having closed on the 27th of February.

By way of partial compensation for the loss of these ten men, we have initiated two good men, Messrs. Clawson and Byrom, and have received Brother Ames of Emory and Henry as an affiliate. We have also pledged a very desirable man, and will doubtless unfold the mysteries to him at our next meeting.

Some honors have fallen to our lot of late. Brother Murchison was elected to represent his society at the Inter-Collegiate oratorical contest in May. It seems quite likely just now, however, that this contest will be discontinued, owing to the formation of an Inter-State Oratorical Association. The latter association embraces the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, University of Georgia, University of Alabama, Washington and Lee, Sewanee, and Vanderbilt. Your correspondent has been elected to represent Vanderbilt at the first contest on May 20th of this year, at the University of Virginia.

The editors of the *Comet*, Vanderbilt's annual, have already been elected. Brother Walter Spence represents S. A. E. on the board of editors.

Steps have been taken toward the formation of a college base ball league in Tennessee, and our boys are beginning to practice with the ball and bat.

I received a letter recently from Brother Edwin D. Smith of San Francisco, an alumnus of the chapter at Sewanee. I requested him in my reply to find out whether it were possible to plant some chapters on the Pacific coast. That seems at present to be a very desirable field into which to push our vigorous policy of extension. Of course it is always to be understood that internal improvement must keep pace with extension, for otherwise the growth would not be permanent.

With love to all the boys, and best wishes to THE RECORD,

I am Fraternally,

J. WASHINGTON MOORE.

Miss. Theta—Agricultural College, (Sub rosa).

It has now been more than two years since we have allowed ourselves the privilege of inserting an epistle in your beloved pages, but while circumstance have forbade our appearance upon your stage we have taken advantage of all that our limited conditions would allow, seating ourselves as near to the theatre of action as prudence would admit. Still we have to the best of our abilities endeavored to grasp all within our reach, which fruit, I can assure you, has been gulped down with a genuine relish.

“Sub-Rosa” does not begin to spell the sense in which we exist, as we have to contend with a president and trustees that totally abhor any combinations calculated to establish an organization that has the least symptom of a social caste, but present indications promise us quite flattering prospects, as only a few years hence will see our college curriculum completely revolutionized leaving no room for military rule and old fogie philosophy. I don’t think my prediction solely the fabric of an over anxious imagination when I relate that I believe that after the elapse of a few years with a new faculty installed, new and more pro-

gressive blood infused into the corps of trustees, fraternities will be encouraged within our confines. Then can we unfurl to the breezes the old banner that has for four long years afforded us pleasure and comfort behind the curtains.

At the convention of 1890 I applied for a conditional privilege to be granted to "Alumnus Theta," giving them full power to initiate students of our college. A little unnecessary uneasiness prompted us to take this step, as we thought probably that it would be prudent to throw up our charter, but still have S. A. E. in our institution. After a little deliberation upon this thesis, we decided that such an arrangement would be as impracticable as it would be barren of good results, therefore the idea was, we think, wisely discarded, as in any light viewed we appreciated that steps taken in this direction would fail to ameliorate our present condition.

Send us sixteen RECORDS as that is the number of our men.

Fraternally,

HARRY N. MOON.

Ohio Sigma—Mt. Union College, Alliance.

Ohio Sigma sends greeting to all S. A. E.'s, and she hopes you all have prospered as well this year as she has prospered.

Permit us to introduce our new initiates, Brothers M. E. Evans, D. B. George and C. P. Miller. All are good men and in for a complete college course.

The class of '91 contains Sigma's tried men and true and upon these the class relies for all claims to future greatness. In class honors our boys seem to have been the chosen ones. Brother H. S. Miller secured the first honor for the Greek oration; Brother J. L. Reed, German oration; and Brother M. B. Excell the editorship of the Unonian, the college paper published by the senior classe each year. While for society, Brother McClure, our Wooster orator, will surely capture the honors in the Linnaean Hall; and Brother Bentley will be conceded first honors in the Republican Hall without opposition. A Pan-Hellenic

banquet by the S. A. E.'s and Alpha Tau Omegas was given March 14. This is a new departure for the fraternities as heretofore they have been at sword's points, but the barbarians, by skillful tactics, have brought us to the sad realization of the fact that while frat men are *the* men they cannot do all the voting.

Hence the union. However we expect to put the foe to rout soon and then we may engage in some more old style Grecian battles.

Fraternally,

HORACE G. VAUGHN.

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Alabama Alpha Mu—A. and M. College, Auburn.

DEAR BROTHERS:—Alpha Mu is glad to be able again to report herself in a flourishing condition, but regrets exceedingly to say, that in January, Brother R. L. Shipp, one of our worthiest and best men, left college. He was an enthusiastic fraternity worker, a cheerful companion, and a noble friend. We feel his loss deeply.

We do not like to complain of our brothers in other chapters, but we cannot but say that chapter correspondence is on the decline. Our correspondent receives but few letters. Now to our mind this is one of the most desirable features that enters into our fraternity life, and we do earnestly hope that the chapters will spur their correspondents on, and that we may hear often from each and every one of the chapters. We need their experience and advice to guide us, and we wish to rejoice with them in their victories and prosperity.

There are but few distinguished places to gain in our college, but of those that there are, we are still obtaining our share, and hope at the end of the year to give an excellent report to our brothers.

By his promptitude in taking up his work, and the vigorous activity he has shown since entering upon his duties, our new leader has given, we believe, renewed enthusiasm to all the chapters. Let us, my brothers, join with him, and give him our earnest support, in order that this may be the most prosperous year of our existence.

We are glad also to be able thus publicly to extend our congratulations to our new editor; for he certainly gave us one of the best RECORDS we have ever seen. We hope that his efforts may always succeed as well as his first. Fraternally,

JOHN C. KIMBALL.

South Carolina Gamma—Wofford College, Spartanburg.

It is with much pride and pleasure that Gamma sends her first communication to the RECORD. We are proud to enter the ranks of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with such a host of brethren to lend fraternal assistance in adversity and to animate and cheer us in despondency. As yet Gamma is an infant in the bonds of S. A. E., but strong and healthy.

On the night of the 17th of February, Gamma was re-organized at Wofford, after a lapse of five years. Brother J. G. Capers, E. S. A., in company with Brothers Roper, Alderman and Connors, of Furman University, arrived on the evening train, to initiate and to impress us with the solemnity of the occasion and the honor and dignity of the order in which we were about to cast our lot. This was most *indelibly impressed*. The initiates were: J. L. Daniel, C. P. Hammond, R. C. McRoy, W. D. Dent, W. E. Willis, J. J. Riley, D. W. Daniel and J. C. Covington. Brothers K. D. Senn and B. W. Couch were former members of Gamma. Since our organization we have added to our number two others, who will undoubtedly make us worthy brethren,—L. H. Smith and Harry Stokes.

Gamma is in excellent working order. In comparison with other fraternities of Wofford, none surpass S. A. E. in taking honors. Up to the present we have taken more honors than any of the other fraternities. Of the four annual debators elected by Calhum and Preston literary Societies, to grace the Commencement exercises, S. A. E. claims two, in addition to the presiding officer. Brothers J. J. Riley and D. W. Daniel have the honor of being the debators, and your correspondent will preside. Brother R. C. McRay has been elected junior marshal and

Brother R. W. Crouch, deputy marshal. Brother W. E. Willis was appointed chairman of the reception committee for Commencement exercises.

A short time ago, the Sophomore class elected six speakers and seven marshals, for their exhibition to be given in May. We only have three in this class, and their high standing is shown by two of them, Brothers L. H. Smith and B. W. Crouch, being the first speakers elected, and the third brother, Henry Stokes, was placed on the marshal staff.

The fraternity ranks of Wofford have recently enlarged. A few nights ago Pi Kappa Alpha came forth in brilliant colors, making the fifth fraternity in the college. Gamma wishes them all success, and will throw no impediment in their way to check their progress or hinder their prosperity.

Already we have trespassed upon your space and patience, so we will close by giving the names of our officers. Brothers K. D. Senn, E. A.; J. L. Daniel, E. D. A.; B. W. Crouch, E. R.; R. C. McRoy, E. T.; J. C. Covington, E. C.; J. J. Riley, E. Ch.; W. D. Dent, E. W.; W. E. Willis, E. H.

With this, our first letter, we send greetings to all sister chapters.

Faternally,

J. C. COVINGTON.

Ohio Alpha Alumnus—Alliance.

Little of general interest has transpired in our circle since our last letter. Correspondence has been largely neglected, and we have but little to relate.

Brother C. F. Rogers, '90, who has been teaching, acting as surveyor for the Pennsylvania Company and making a record in other lines, was at his home in Salem, Ohio, at our last notice, and feeling sufficiently vigorous to attempt Count Leo Tolstoi's works. We fear for him.

Brother W. S. O'Neal, '87, Cincinnati Law School, was elected to one of the highest positions open to the Senior Class at that institution. As president of the Mansfield Club, "Billy"

will be an honor to the position so worthily bestowed upon him.

Your correspondent attended the Ohio Inter-Collegiate Oratorical contest at Wooster, on February 19th. While Sigma Alpha Epsilon did not win first or second place, we need not feel ashamed of our boys, for both did well. Brother Dunton won third and Brother McClure sixth.

Our other brothers are pursuing the even tenor of their ways, and we have nothing new to relate. Everything is prospering around the scene of our former struggles, defeats and victories, and we could wish ourselves back to participate in those scenes once more. But a sturdy band is there. Men who are able and ready to battle for our order, and we do not fear the result.

But having made the assertion that we had but little to write, it is time to close else you may justly cry "Words, words, words!"

Faternally,

H. C. BURGER.

Ohio Delta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

Ohio Delta sends greetings. The winter term has passed away with no loss and some gain. Our Junior election has occurred and S. A. E. took her share of honors. Two of our men were elected to heads of departments on the Transcript and one president of the Lecture committee. Brother Denton won third honors in the State contest. Brother Ball was senior class orator on Washington's birthday.

The great spring term of the senior is before us. The term in which the all important question "To be or not to be—?" is decided to the joy or sorrow of many. Ohio Delta is in good condition to commence this term and has bright prospects before her. Tennis and frat picnics will be timely pleasures to lighten the round of study.

We were much pleased with the RECORD.

In the last letter the two names Custive and Tiller should be Austin and Filler.

With best wishes we remain, fraternally,

H. C. WRIGHT.

Ky. Iota—Bethel College, Russellville.

Iota is still progressing, though we have not, since we last wrote, taken in any new men, as few have lately entered college. Yet we are all enjoying more and more the fraternal bonds of S. A. E. We have five among the seniors this year; R. K. Ryland, in whom lies great expectations, D. J. McComb, who will doubtless enter some day into the secrets of the healing art, and find pleasure in depriving many a luckless one of their limbs, then our Arkansas brother, H. J. Brewer, who will not follow the profession which his name indicates but will try to seek an honored place in the mercantile world where now his honored sire dwells. As for the rest, Brother Givens and the scribe, we hope to be propagators of the religion of the lowly Galilean and from the present indications, locusts and wild honey will be our part. Iota, as I have said, holds her own among her rivals with a dozen good men of whom we need not be ashamed. We are on good terms with each of our rival "frats" and honestly bid them success. We hail with gladness the election of Brother Capers and think from what little we know of him that he will prove himself worthy of the honor conferred upon him.

With best wishes to all in the fraternal bonds of S. A. E., we greet you, fraternally,

E. T. MOBBERLY.

Michigan Iota Beta—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

As our Brother E. C., Charles Heywood, is still in poor health, it devolves upon me to communicate Iota Beta's prosperity to her sister chapters. The second Semester of the year is well started, and already we are looking forward to next year. We hope to be able to make a definite announcement in the next RECORD of the obtainment of a new house for our chapter. Our present quarters are altogether too small, and our prospects for a larger and better house are excellent.

Our meetings are increasing in interest, the business of each

session engaging the attention of all, and the literary feature forming one of the most important and pleasant parts. We have divided the Keph into four sections of five each, at present, and these sections in turn present a program that is assigned by a program committee of three. The committee is appointed for the Semester by the E. A. We adopted this method after considerable discussion, and find that it works well.

We have been very unfortunate this winter in regard to sickness. One of our Brothers, Wallie Cook, '94, lies in a critical condition at his home at Irving Park, Illinois, with blood-poisoning. We hope and pray for the best, but there is slight ground for our hope.

The next few weeks will be active ones in "rushing" men, and in our next we shall have in all probability several new brothers to introduce to our fraternity. With best fraternal love to all in the bonds of S. A. E., I will close.

F. E. WOOD.

Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

Michigan Alpha has been especially favored by the gods this year.

When we count our number now and think what it was at the opening of the college year, we are impressed with the fact that Alpha has as many lives as a "full-grown tom cat." The opening of the year found us with only two men, Brother Barris and myself. Brother Barris left us a few days since, and now I am the only old boy of the fraternity. Yet I am not lonely, for I have six other true, loyal brothers, and the meeting last night gave evidence that soon Alpha was to experience birth pangs again. Three "infant Sigs" are in the "womb of time." Soon their infant lips will be taught to sing, "Tis sweet to be a Sigma," but sooner still will they experience the agony of riding a razor-back hog, (we have no goat), and feeling the delight of an ascent towards the starry skies.

Alpha has grown and is still growing. We have been

peculiarly fortunate. While our opponents have been rushing in men by droves, they have been from the "prep" department. Our initiates have been from every class in the college.

Unfortunately two of our best men, Fraters Wrod and Barris, were compelled to leave college. Sickness of Brother Wood's father in New York City took him from us, while a good-paying position lured Brother Barris from among us.

While we are prospering as regards members, Alpha is also moving in other directions. There is much talk and interest among us in a "Fraternity House." We are negotiating for one at the present. Have several plans, one of which is to induce some one to build a *suitable* house, and Alpha rent it. This may work well. The president of the college is with us in this.

May all the chapters prosper as Alpha has this year. Truly
"Tis sweet to wear the gold." Yours,

LEIGH LAYMAN.

Penn. Omega, Allegheny College—Meadville.

Since her last letter to the RECORD, Omega has increased her fold by the addition of D. C. McNess '92 and F. W. McElroy '94 who are in every way worthy of this distinction.

At the Annual Declamation Contest of Allegheny Literary Society, Brother E. E. Highley '93 received very honorable mention. As the winner was a senior, Brother Highley is entitled to great credit and is assured the position of Inter-society Declamer for next year.

An attempt is being made to organize an Inter-fraternity Base Ball League. This is a good project and if adopted we can look ahead to some spirited contests this spring.

The Sigs will be well represented in the college teams this fall, having two on base ball and three on foot ball team.

We have the distinction of possessing the best tennis court and some of the best players in the city and also of having the only canoe club. So as far as sport is concerned, the Sigs are bound to enjoy themselves.

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At our semi-annual election the following officers were elected: E. A., A. O. McClelland; E. D. A., Homer S. Wood; E. R., P. C. Patterson; E. Chi, John A. Gibson; E. H., C. C. Freeman; E. W., A. O. Davis; H. W. Rand, E. T. and H. C. Dorworth, E. C. holding over.

E. C.'s—Let us live up to the constitution in regard to correspondence.

Fraternally,

H. C. DORWORTH.

Penn. Sigma Phi—Dickinson College—Carlisle.

For the second time Sigma Phi communicates with her sister chapters. Her growth has been so steady and strong that she feels herself entitled to be taken out of swaddling clothes, and appear in the character of an active robust boy.

When the January issue of the RECORD reached us we were astonished to see the following statement in our chapter letter: "A number of new men in college have been invited to join the fraternity but for various reasons have refused." It was a misprint. Insert "us are" after "of" in the first line. Insert "who" after "college." Cut out "the." Then you will have the sense of the original. The error resulted from a condensation into one of several sentences. Our sister Kephs may be assured that Sigma Phi will extend no such wholesale invitation to the "uninitiated many."

Since our last letter we have achieved some victories, and have not met any reverses. We have made one decided advance by changing our fraternity home. A bargain has been closed by us with the "Independent Order of Red Men" by which, for a consideration, we are allowed the use of their furnished hall with equal rights and liberties with themselves. Their order meets only once a week and we practically have the hall all to ourselves. This gives us a finer hall than any fraternity in college, and some of the "Red Men" who are members of other orders claim that it is the finest lodge room in the city. We have two ante rooms, each fitted up with

speaking tubes. We also have a large amount of apparatus for initiation purposes, which by ourselves, it would have taken us years to accumulate. Ho for the neophyte!

The Freshman class recently held an election for class poet. It resulted in a victory for our chapter, as Bro. Clemens '94 was elected by the almost unanimous vote of his class.

Brother Ames '92 represents us on the editorial board of the Dickinsonian and also of the Junior Annual.

All our men stand well in their college work and in two of the classes we have the lead.

In the recent "Midwinter Exhibition" in the gymnasium a number of our men took part with credit to themselves and Sigma Phi.

We should like to hear something about that song book. We need it.

Commencement is fast approaching and everytime we see our seniors walking among us in Oxford college cap and gown we are reminded of the loss we will suffer when they leave us. But there are still good fish in the sea and we have our hooks all ready.

Faternally,

W. S. SNYDER.

Iowa Sigma—Simpson College, Indianola.

The account that Sigma can send the RECORD this month, is an account of continued prosperity. In all lines have we advanced, though we have not increased our numbers by initiation, yet several fine men from the senior preparatory class are pledged to the cause of Sigdom. We expect to begin work next fall with double our present membership. One of the pleasantest social occasions of the term was the Sig-Tri-Delta sleighing party, which occurred the evening of January 10th. That evening the Delta Delta Delta sorasis was given a reception in our Chapter Hall, in which the Sig goat was introduced, and added much to the merriment. The waiting sleighs were then filled, and the perfect night that looked down upon the

fleecy folds of winter's robe, was made to resound with the mingled yells and songs of Sigma and Delta.

The four fraternities, Delta Tau Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, have undertaken the publication of our college annual, *The Tangent*, which will be out about the 1st of June. We are represented on the editorial staff by Brothers Cheeney and Rogers, while Brother J. P. Morley will act as business manager for the Sigs.

In our preliminary contest to select an orator to represent Simpson in the State Oratorical Contest, we were represented by brother J. P. Morley, who won first honors by an easy margin. Second place was taken by a Delta Tau Delta, and third by an Alpha Tau Omega, ranking the fraternities in the same order that they stood last year. After the contest the Sigs and their ladies held a jubilee meeting in the Sig hall. But the crowning event of the year has been the State Oratorical contest, which Simpson had the honor of entertaining this year. High hopes were placed in our orator, and college enthusiasm ran high. To fit him for the forensic battle, the oratorical association defrayed his expenses to Chicago, to drill under an elocutionist. Though first honors eluded us, the Sigs with all the college feel proud of Brother Morley's record. Out of the sixteen colleges comprising the State Association, "The Ethics of Individuality" ranked third in "thought and composition," and second in the final average. We thus secure the chairmanship of the Iowa delegation to the Inter-State Contest, which occurs at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, next May. As this is but twenty miles from Indianola, Iowa Sigma will be there *in toto*, and we hope to meet other Sigs there. But I must remember our editor's caution and keep my letter within proper bounds. So wishing unlimited success on every Keph in Sigdom, I close.

Fraternally,
A. H. WOOD.



MARRIAGES.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents near Midway, Yazoo county, Miss., the evening of December 31st, 1890, Dr. F. A. Jones to Miss Mary Belle Rabb. Dr. Jones is an alumnus of Ala. Iota and we extend our hearty congratulations to the happy pair. It is to be regretted that distance prevented Iota from having a delegate present at the ceremony. While in Greensboro, Brother Jones made many friends who will wish him success on his matrimonial voyage.

The following is a notice which occurred in one of the Pensacola papers of the marriage of Brother G. M. Sellers, of Alabama Iota, 1888, to Miss Mary Belle of Pensacola, Florida:

"A happy party of friends and relatives gathered at the residence of Mr. John S. Bell, 188 East Gregory street, at 7:30 o'clock last evening to witness the marriage which united Rev. Geo. M. Sellers, pastor of the Methodist church at Marion, Alabama, to Miss Mary Emma, the charming daughter of Mr. Bell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. L. Sellers, of Ozark, Alabama, brother of the groom. The happy couple left on the 10:10 train for their future home at Marion, accompanied by the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

IN MEMORIAM.

Intelligence of the death of our brother, Edgar H. Trammell, which occurred in Texas, in December last, did not reach us until late in January.

He was a graduate of the Southern University in the class of 1888. At the time of his death he was Principal of Pleasant Grove High School, Winsboro, Texas. At a regular meeting of Iota chapter the following resolutions in honor of his memory were passed:

WHEREAS, A mysterious but all wise Providence has called from earth to heaven our beloved brother, Edgar H. Trammell.

WHEREAS, As a worthy and enthusiastic member of Alabama Iota, he endeared himself to us by his bright and genial nature and manly virtues.

WHEREAS, During his brief career, he won the confidence and esteem of men, reflecting credit upon our order by his ability and noble character.

Resolved, That we deeply deplore his death by which the Fraternity has lost a true and faithful member, and Iota an esteemed and beloved brother.

Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives, and pray that God may comfort them in their great affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our departed brother and that they be published in the S. A. E. RECORD.

PROF. C. A. GROTE, F. M. PATTERSON, EUGENE L. CRAWFORD.	}	Committee.
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WHEREAS, God, in his all-wise Providence, has seen fit to remove from us, since our last meeting, our worthy and honored brother, N. G. Newbill, of Palestine, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the state has lost, in his death, the services and support of a good and worthy citizen, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Chapter Pi a loving, honored and worthy member, and his wife a loving and kind companion be it

Resolved, That our heart felt sympathy be extended to his widow, a bride of so few days, in this, her hour of deepest grief,

That these resolutions be spread upon the minutus of Chapter Pi, and that we wear the usual insignia of mourning for thirty days.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased brother and that a copy be published in the S. A. E. RECORD.

J. L. FAUST, H. H. ATKINSON, D. M. SANDERS.	}	Committee.
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Adopted Feb. 20th 1891.

H. F. SLOAN, E. R.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Lake City, Florida, Feb. 12, 1891.

JOHN G. CAPERS,
Greenville, S. C.

Dear Brother:

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If you are not the present editor, I would consider it a favor if you would forward the subscription to the proper address.

Yours in the bonds,

JOHN J. EARLE,
State College.

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA STANDS ERECT.

MY DEAR BROTHER EDITOR: In the capacity of a "private in the ranks," allow me space to record the fact that S. C. Gamma stands erect once more. Tuesday, February 17th, accompanied by Brothers McDowell, Roper and Alderman, I arrived in the beautiful little city of Spartanburg, for the purpose of opening up the arch, drawing aside the curtain and letting those who were once behind, open their eyes and see. We were met at the depot by a committee, and escorted to the Merchants hotel, where every attention was extended us. At Wofford College, although no chapter existed there, we have had two or three fine men during the past year, and to their efforts and especially of that veteran Sig, Brother K. D. Senn, is the credit due for this new and bright jewel in our crown. It was about 9 o'clock p. m., when we assembled in a neatly furnished hall in one of the public buildings of the city, for the purpose of doing our work. With four of us from Phi, and two Wofford men, we presented our beautiful and impressive ritual to the best advantage, and never did six men join S. A. E.

who were more profoundly impressed with her beauty, strength and merit. And too, I must be fair enough to say that "old Billy" never felt better or more frisky. His ride over on the cars seemed to exhilarate rather than fatigue him. He performed his part nobly and well; it was a bumper here and a bumper there, a smile and a glass, a toast and a cheer. Our recent initiates are fine men and are already earnestly at work. Let the good work go on, and answer in a substantial way when I say, now, next!

Fraternally,

JOHN G. CAPERS.

NOTE.—THE RECORD extends hearty greetings to our South Carolina babe, and hopes that Gamma may become a star of the first magnitude in the firmament of S. A. E.

DEPARTMENT OF OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE E. S. A.

My dear Brothers:

In introducing a resolution at our last convention, requesting this department to appear in each issue of our RECORD, I thought it advisable to have the practical workings of the Fraternity clearly brought before the members of the order, and a review of the detail work to a great extent presented to them from time to time.

Thus, early in my work however and following the convention with the minutes and recent RECORD descriptive thereof, I can and will at this time only urge you to duty and show you the field for action.

In the first place let me remind you that individual effort is the piston rod which moves the machinery of the world, and no organization offers such opportunities for personal action as a College Fraternity.

Its active members make its history. The record of their work goes down bright and fruitful, or with no lustre and barren. A Chapter should not be a committee with the usual

working chairman and the others inactive, but every member should consider himself a committee and its chairman, and assist the chapter treasurer in his efforts to promptly pay his chapter dues, assist his chapter editor in compiling a newsy letter for each issue of the RECORD, assist the editorial chief in his work, and always endeavor to aid the E. S. A. in his efforts to brighten and broaden his Fraternity.

My brother, you can assist me and do good service for Sigma Alpha Epsilon by studying her history and statistics, investigating desirable colleges and universities where chapters could be placed, and by giving you close attention and earnest effort to resurrecting dead chapters. Who of you know Alumni to whom you can write inquiring of the prospects for re-establishing S. C. Mu, Va Upsilon, Va Tau, Va Theta, Ga Epsilon, La Zeta, Pennsylvania Delta and Kentucky Kappa? We must continue the onward movement, but in that march we *must* stop long enough from time to time to raise our prostrate sisters to their feet and give them life.

We must report to the next convention the establishment of *new* chapters and the rehabilitation of old ones. That is the work of the future.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a grand organization because it has made, and now has, a clear, bright history, because of her Ritual Constitution, and her individual members, and because she now stands high up among her sister Fraternities; but my brothers ask yourself if she has not in the past stood higher, if you conclude that she has, then she is retrograding, if not she is *is* progressing, moving, growing; study the record, and let your efforts force an answer, even from every rival Fraternity in the land, that Sigma Alpha Epsilon *is* progressing, moving, growing. It must be so. Is it so now!

The past and present are full of her fame, but, my brothers, the *future* is yours. A year will make another page of S. A. E.'s history and record inactivity on the one hand or enthusiastic support and effort, accompanied with living working chapters *on* the other.

Let us see by your promptness in your chapter's business and work, and your cheerful and continued efforts in behalf of your fraternity at large that you really mean to strive to advance the interests of the order. Faithfully and Fraternally,

JOHN G. CAPER,

E. S. A. of S. A. E.

A GOOD STANDARD.

The qualifications that the D. K. E. Quarterly lays down for "Deke" men, so conform to the ideal of S. A. E. that we may well take them to ourselves.

"They should be *men*. Good, straightforward, manly men. They do not necessarily need to have attained their majority, but the essential principles of genuine manhood should be found in every one of them. They should be *gentlemen*—men of refined tastes, good breeding, fine feelings, and with the instincts and tendencies of the gentle, strong and true nature. They should be *companionable* or "*clubable*" men. We want no hermits or recluses in the bonds of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Ours is a *fraternity* in the fullest sense of the word, and we want only men in whom at least the brotherly and sympathetic spirit is capable of cultivation and development. They should be *scholarly men*. It must not be forgotten that membership in Delta Kappa Epsilon stands for scholarly attainments. It is not meant by this that every "Deke" is expected to be or could possibly become the leader in his class or college. But there is that impalpable something, easily recognized but difficult of definition, that we call the scholarly spirit. It is essential to any genuine attainment in the realm of literature. It should be found in the men who will soon stand at the portals of our lodge rooms. A man may have this spirit and fail of taking many or any prizes; the prize-takers are not always the scholars. But having it, he can never fail of recognition as a man of letters and of literary parts. * * * * Let all canvassing, cultivating, rushing, etc., be conducted in the most honorable and gentlemanly way. Displays of malice, spite or petty trickery are unworthy of Delta Kappa Epsilon. An honorable defeat is to be prized far beyond a dishonorable victory."

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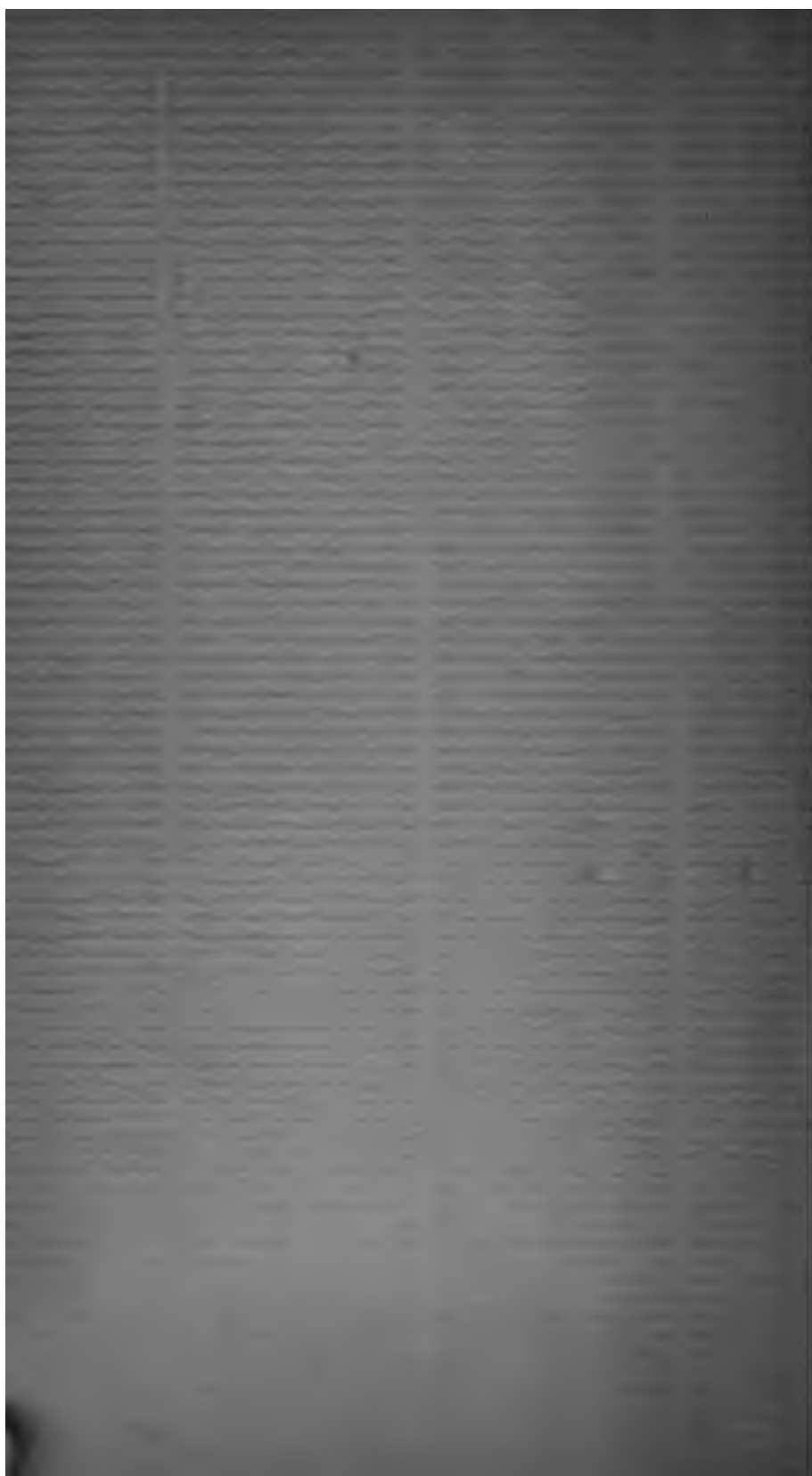
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 R. H. MAHON, Jackson, Tenn.,
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PROVINCE A.

Ga. Beta (G. C.).....	University of Georgia	Athens, Ga.
" Psi	Mercer University	Macon, Ga.
" Tau	State Technological Ins.	Atlanta, Ga.
" Alpha Alumnus		Atlanta, Ga.
" Beta		Albany, Ga.
" Sigma		Savannah, Ga.
" Omega		Augusta, Ga.
Ala. Iota	Southern University	Greensboro, Ala.
" Alpha Mu	Ala. A. & M. College	Auburn, Ala.
" Mu Alumnus		Montgomery, Ala.

PROVINCE B.

S. C. Delta (G. C.).....	South Carolina University	Columbia, S. C.
" Gamma	Wofford College	Spartansburg, S. C.
" Phi	Furman University	Greenville, S. C.
" Eta Alumnus		Honca Path, S. C.
N. C. Theta	Davidson College	Davidson Col., N. C.
" Xi	University of N. C.	Chapel Hill, N. C.
" Theta Alumnus		Charlotte, N. C.
Va. Omicron	University of Virginia	University of Va.
" Psi (sub rosa)	Emory and Henry Col.	Emory Va.
" Sigma	Wash. & Lee University	Lexington, Va.

PROVINCE C.

Tenn. Omega (G. C.).....	University of the South	Sewanee, Tenn.
" Zeta	S. W. Presbyterian University	Clarksville, Tenn.
" Lambda	Cumberland University	Lebanon, Tenn.
" Eta	S. W. Baptist University	Jackson Tenn.
" Nu	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, Tenn.
" Kappa	University of Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.
Miss. Gamma	University of Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.
" Theta (sub rosa)	Agricultural College	Miss.
" Theta Alumnus		Starkville, Miss.
" Gamma Alumnus		Meridian, Miss.
Texas Rho	University of Texas	Austin, Tex.

PROVINCE D.

Ohio Sigma (G. C.).....	Mt. Union College	Alliance, Ohio.
" Delta	Ohio Wesleyan University	Delaware, Ohio.
" Epsilon	University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio.
" Alpha Alumnus		Alliance, Ohio.
Ky. Iota	Bethel college	Russellville, Ky.
" Alpha Beta Alumnus		Nicholasville, Ky.
Mo. Alpha	University of Missouri	Columbia, Mo.
Mich. Alpha	Adrian College	Adrian Michigan.
" Iota Beta	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Pa. Omega	Alleghany College	Meadville, Pa.
" Sigma Phi	Dickinson College	Carlisle, Pa.
Iowa Sigma	Simpson College	Indianola, Iowa.
New York Alpha	Cornell University	Ithaca, N. Y.
Colo. Chi	University of Colorado	Boulder, Colo.

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THE BADGE OF OUR ORDER.

Tune—The Flag of the Free.

In times that are past once a conflict arose,
Making men of the north and the south deadly foes;
But today they are friends and a number we see
Wear the badge of our Order of dear S. A. E.

CHORUS:—The badge of our Order,
The badge of our Order,
The badge of our Order,
Of dear S. A. E.

Years are passing away in the blessings of peace,
May our love and our friendship forever increase.
And may men who are worthy, wherever they be,
Wear the badge of our Order—of dear S. A. E.

CHORUS—

Sparkles brightly the diamond—the badge that we love,
May its rays e'er be pure as the light from above,
May our Goddess to whom we so oft bend the knee,
Bless the badge of our Order—of dear S. A. E.

CHORUS—

Now the future is bright with the promise of cheer,
May our order be strengthened by each passing year,
May our God, we should love and to whom we should flee
Bless the badge of our Order of dear S. A. E.

CHORUS—

Ohio Sigma, 1890.

H. C. BURGER.

COLORADO CHI.

DENVER, Colo., April 26, 1891.

Ed. Record:—In March Bro. Bunting wrote me of his intentions on Boulder, and sent me the address of Bro. F. C. Flood of Tenn. Zeta who lives in Denver and who had been working up the chapter at Boulder. Bro. F. E. King and myself were more than happy to learn that we had a Brother in Denver and immediately hunted him up. After some correspondence with the Boulder boys we decided to go to Boulder on Saturday, April 11th and initiate Colo. Chi. On April 4th I was taken down with la grippe and when I got out on April 8th Bro. King was taken down. As I was not feeling very well and had a great deal of business to attend to, we decided to postpone the initiation if possible and I so informed the boys at Boulder, telling them however that if they found it impossible to break their engagements for that night to wire me and I would go up if I had to take a doctor with me. Saturday morning I received a message to "come up tonight—absolutely necessary." Bro. King concluded he was able to go up, and he and I left on 5:30 p. m. train arriving at Boulder at 7 that evening.

After supper at the hotel Bro. King and I initiated Colo. Chi of S. A. E. consisting of five men, as follows:

Paul M. North, '93 who was elected E. A.

Harry McGinnis, '94 who was elected E. C.

Conrad Bluhm '93.

Harry Layton '95.

A. C. Smith '94.

I think S. A. E. has as fine a set of men here as she has anywhere, and she may well be proud of her step into the west. I am not familiar enough with the new brothers to mention any of their peculiar characteristics, but King and I hope to go to Boulder again before long and become a little better acquainted. King's trip was too much for him and he had a very severe attack of fever after it, but he is up now and hopes to be able to go to work again the latter part of this week.

Mich. Iota Beta.

D. W. SPENCE.

ABOUT THE BABY.

Editor Record:—Have just returned from Cornell university, where, it is our pleasure to announce, we initiated a chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Some time ago certain students of that institution applied to our chapter, asking for the *modus operandi* by which they might institute a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in Cornell. We immediately opened a correspondence with them, and since have given them our closest attention; and now are proud to announce the birth of the sister chapter.

We left Meadville the morning of the 22nd of April; arrived at Ithaca that evening. Were met at the depot by one of the candidates for initiation, who conducted us to our stopping place. That evening we were introduced to all of the candidates, and were pleased to note that they were men in every sense of the word; men with whom we were favorably impressed at first sight, nor did our opinion of their qualifications and fitness to be bearers of the royal purple and old gold, lessen on a continued acquaintance; but rather, the reverse.

That night in the parlors of the Hotel Ithaca, the initiation took place. Three men possessed of "git, grit and gumption," donned the purple and gold.

The next morning a tour was taken through the campus and university buildings. The campus is beautified by magnificent natural scenery, and is located at the foot of a beautiful lake, overlooking both lake and city.

In the afternoon, we took a drive through the country surrounding Ithaca, visiting many points of interest in the way of natural scenery. Among the most interesting were Buttermilk Falls, Enfield Falls and Taughtanic Falls.

That evening we were invited to the parlors of one of the most fashionable cafes of the city, where we were banqueted in grand style by the new initiates.

In conclusion, I would say that N. Y. Alpha, as it is by this

name they are to be known, bids fair to be the "star of the north."

The new chapter manifests a spirit of determination and hopes by next year to be the happy possessor of a chapter house. The chapter now numbers three; however several coming initiates are now standing just without the vale of mystery. The brothers are men of excellent standing, and have been bid by several fraternities in the university, including Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi and others.

I take unbounded pleasure in introducing to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Brothers H. C. Ohlmeyer, W. A. Clark and Robert C. Matlock.

ELMER HIGLEY.

Penn. Omega.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

There is probably no town in central New York so favored and at the same time so unfortunate as Ithaca. Favored by nature, it is unfortunate in possessing citizens who are famous the state over for their slowness and lack of enterprise as regards home industries.

Situated, as the town is, at the southern end of Lake Cayuga, a beautiful sheet of water some forty miles long, and varying in width from one to five miles, the town, with all its natural advantages, possesses but one thing that draws people to it—Cornell university.

To Ezra Cornell is the existence of Cornell university due. Himself a poor boy, he saw the advantage of an education, and, when the opportunity offered, he founded an institution that has but three rivals in the land. In 1862, Senator J. P. Morrill, of Vermont, introduced in congress the federal land grant bill,

which, on becoming a law, gave New York state about 990,000 acres of land. The conditions imposed upon the institution receiving the grant, was that mechanic arts and agriculture should be taught in addition to the regular courses. At first, this grant was given to the People's college, but after they had held it for two years, and had done nothing, the grant reverted to the state. At this time Andrew D. White and Ezra Cornell were in the state legislature, became acquainted, and soon cemented a life long friendship. When the land script came up for disposal, many plans were proposed and defeated. At last Mr. Cornell offered to give \$500,000 for the establishment of a new university, provided the land script was given also, and to pay Genesee, the state agricultural college, \$25,000. His offer was accepted, and in 1865 Cornell university was incorporated. In addition to the money, Mr. Cornell also gave 200 acres of land on East Hill, for the location of the buildings.

Each one making the long climb to the university stops at Dr. Wilder's spring to refresh himself. As you reach the top of the hill a large stone building comes to view. This is Cascadilla. This building, costing some \$37,000, was erected in 1868, and was at that time for recitations. Lately it is used exclusively as a dormitory, and is the only building the university has for such a purpose. Passing on, you cross a bridge over Cascadilla gorge, and enter the campus some five hundred feet above the lake. As you ascend a little farther, you notice two buildings, one a brown stone to the right, the Kappa Alpha (north order) lodge; the other is a brick frame house, and is the home of Psi Upsilon. To the right of the K. A. lodge is a brick structure, the gymnasium. This building was erected in 1883, and cost some \$32,000. The gymnasium is said to contain more floor room than any other in the country. It is under the supervision of Dr. Hitchcock, professor of physical culture.

Following the walk from the gymnasium, you come to Sage college, the gift of Henry W. Sage, to Cornell, to be used for the education of women. The building is of brick, and cost about \$150,000. The "co-eds" only room here, and recite with

the rest of the students. In this building are the rooms of the four sororities. Although supposed to be quiet at all times, the "co eds" have their spreads, and the usual fraternity rushing is vigorously carried on. Class spirit runs high and rushes have been known to take place. Connected with the building is a botanical department, said to be the finest in the country.

Just to the right of Sage, is Barnes hall, the new Christian association building, named after its donor, costing the sum of \$40,000. The building is of brick. It has a library of over 1,000 volumes relating to Bible study. It is the home of the school of Philosophy and Ethics, of which Prof. J. G. Schurman is the dean. As you leave Barnes hall, you notice just opposite a little gothic structure of brick and stone. This is Sage chapel, the gift of Dean Sage, of Brooklyn. In this connection is an endowment fund of \$30,000, the proceeds of which assure two sermons every Sunday during the spring and fall terms, and one each Sunday during the winter term. As all the college world knows, Cornell is a non-sectarian school, and we have the most eminent divines of all denominations to preach to us. Respectful attention is invariable in the chapel, and the fact that the aisles are always filled, speaks well for the students of a school where chapel attendance is not compulsory. Could some of those who call Cornell an "atheist institution," once attend, they would go away with a different impression. The chapel is reserved for students until within fifteen minutes of service, when the doors are thrown open to the public.

The library, the gift of Henry W. Sage, is a sandstone structure, and is fire proof. Its capacity is of over 480,000 volumes of the general library, and some 20,000 volumes of private libraries owned by the university. The building cost some \$300,000, and has an endowment of \$300,000 more, for the purchase of books. Morrill hall is just to the east of the library. This is a large four-story stone building erected in 1868, at a cost of \$70,000. It contains the rooms of the President, Dean and Registrar, as well as the business office. The department of Latin also has its home here, but the major part of the build-

ing is given to the law department, which, by the way, will have its own building in the fall. The McGraw building is of gray stone, and cost about \$120,000. It is used for the library and museum, and for the medical preparatory course.

The Museum of Natural History is the pride of the university. The tower contains the chimes and clock, the gift of ex-Pres. White. On the ground floor is the library, in which are collections of rare manuscripts, autographs, etc., and here also are displayed the various trophies won by Cornell in the athletic field.

To the north of McGraw, is White hall, named after A. F. White, our first president. The building was erected in 1873, at a cost of \$80,000, and is used as a recitation building. Facing White hall and to the south is the home of the department of Physics and Science, occupying a red sandstone building, known as Franklin hall. It cost \$90,000. To the west of the Physical building is a red brick structure, known as Morse hall. This is the chemical building, erected in 1890. The building is said to be the best arranged chemical building in the country. The next building is Lincoln hall. Here the civil engineers receive instruction. This, like Franklin hall, is of red sandstone. It also contains the school of architecture. The civil engineering course here is said to be the best in the country, and certainly if the number of men in the government employ is any criterion, *it is*. As you come from Morse hall to Lincoln, you pass a three-story, gray stone building. This is Sibley College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, presented to Cornell in 1871. Cornell's electrical and mechanical engineers are sought for, and at present the supply does not equal the demand. To the east of Sibley is the Copper house, in which all fine electrical work is done.

The entire student body numbers 1,390, and the faculty and instructors 107. In addition to this there are twenty-five special non-resident lecturers. As one would suppose, Cornell, with all her students, must be fast becoming the home of all the Greek Letter societies. So she is. The *Annual* published

June 5, gave twenty-eight, and on June 6 the twenty-ninth was established. Hardly had Cornell thrown open her doors, ere Zeta Psi planted her Psi chapter here. Her existence has been continual, but her career checkered. At times she has held a high position socially, but again has stood rather low. She is preparing to build herself a house, to be ready for occupancy next fall. The same year Chi Phi established her Xi chapter, and like Zeta Psi, has never disbanded. She owns a pleasant chapter house, erected this spring. Following came Kappa Alpha, who placed her New York Gamma chapter in 1868. Her position socially has always been high, but of late years it has fallen off somewhat. In senior class affairs K. A. is an important factor, and usually has some high office. In 1887, she entered a brown stone house on the campus at an expense of \$22,000.

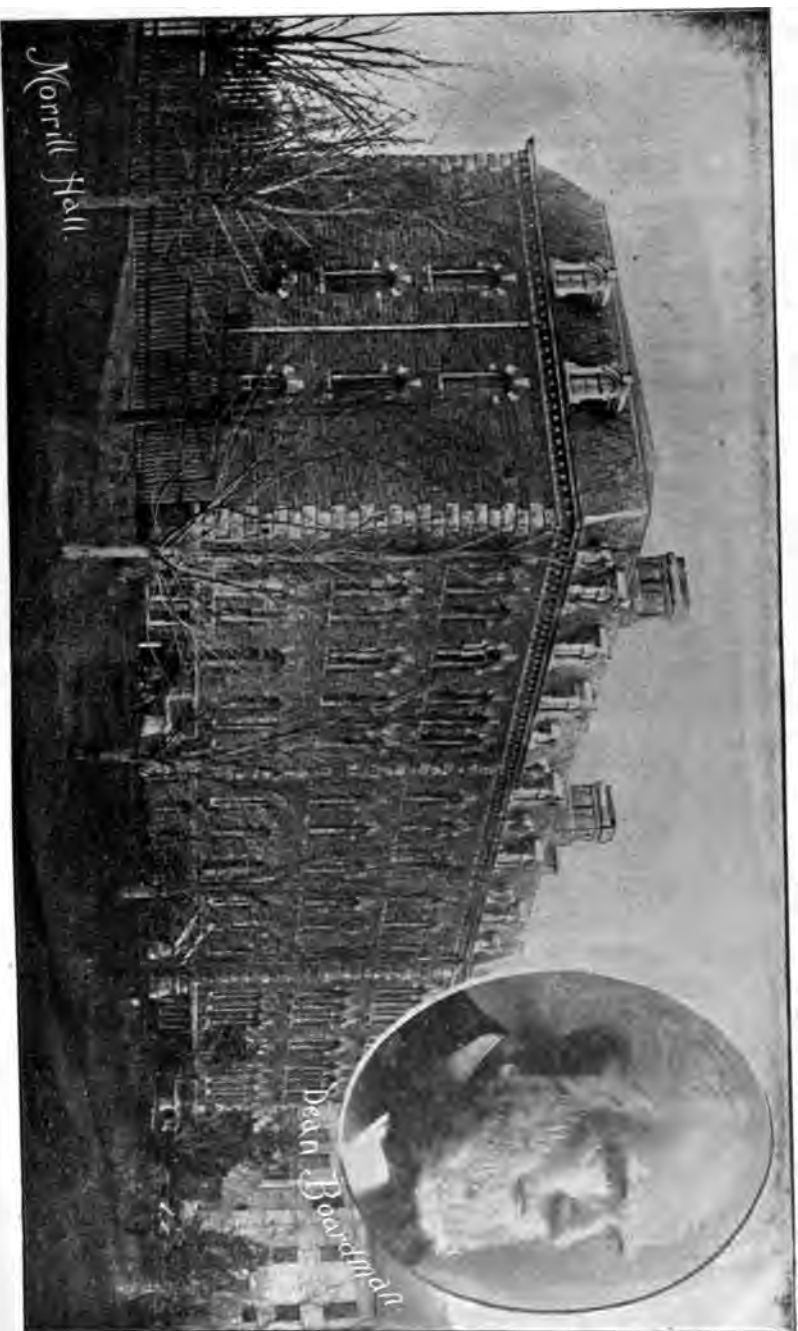
In 1869 Phi Kappa Psi placed a chapter here. It existed till 1876, when a number of the members went to Psi Upsilon as charter members. The chapter was re-organized in 1885, and the members live in a rented house.

The same year Chi Psi chartered her Psi chapter at Cornell. Down to 1875 the chapter had a continued and prosperous existence, when it became inactive, and it was not till 1885 that it was revived. Since then it has stood well in the university and in Ithaca society. The members rent one of the nicest houses here, and have large grounds.

Following Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon came in. Her career has been the brightest of any of the fraternities. Her members are noted for their high standing, and in a social way they are at the top of the ladder. President Jordan, of the Leland Stanford university, was a member of this chapter.

Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Theta Delta Chi were all established in 1870. The first named fraternity was the first in the college, to erect its own house. This is a brick structure, finished plainly without, but its interior decorations are fine. The Alpha Delta stand high in Ithaca society.

The Dekes have sent some famous men from their chapter,



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but their career has been more or less checkered. Their standing has been high generally. They live in a rented house, but own two lots on which they intend to build.

Theta Delta Chi's existence has been continual. They recently bought a neat chapter house. In 1872 Phi Delta Theta placed her N. Y. A. chapter here. Her career has been continuous. Beta Theta Pi, through the absorption of Alpha Sigma Chi, placed her Beta Delta chapter here. Till 1887 her career was prosperous, when a division arose in the chapter. The result was that one clique resigned from the chapter and the fraternity withdrew the charter from the other. The chapter was re-established in 1888, and is now living in a rented house. Its standing is high in university and social circles. In 1876 Psi Upsilon entered. Part of her charter members had belonged to Phi Kappa Psi, but deserted to Psi U. They own a chapter house opposite the Kappa Alpha. Its exterior is very plain, being a brick frame structure, but its interior decorations are said to be very costly. The Psi U here seems to carry his head high, and has a great deal of spare cash—which covers a multitude of sins. Their representation in the faculty is large, and this contributes not a little to their success. For five years no fraternities came in, but one morning Sage and the University were astonished to see the kite-shaped pins of Kappa Alpha Theta. In 1883 Kappa Kappa Gamma entered, and in 1885 Delta Gamma placed her Chi chapter at Sage. These sororites have rooms in Sage College, and each is possessed of some peculiarity. Kappa Alpha Theta has the "pretty girls," Kappa Kappa Gamma the students and Delta Gamma excels in a social way. In 1887 Alpha Tau Omega saw the chance to increase her chapter roll, and established her Beta Theta chapter. The chapter has been successful in its line, and lives in a commodious chapter house. Its members are drawn from the athletes, especially the football men. One Sunday morning in 1888 Phi Gamma Delta's pin appeared at Cornell. Some nineteen men were initiated as charter members. They have a strong chapter now, and rent a neat brick structure. In the fall of 1888

Phi Delta Phi established a chapter. Being the only law fraternity here she has been very successful, and her men have been well picked. Alpha Phi entered in 1889, and shortly after Phi Sigma Kappa showed her pin. The latter fraternity, while new, has one of the finest reputations for the qualities of her members. In class affairs she is never heard of, but socially she leads her older rivals. On Jan. 1st, 1890, the foreign students formed a fraternity exclusively for foreign men. They gave it the name of Alpha Zeta, and have been successful in their way. Delta Tau Delta entered in January, '90, and occupying as they did, a house from the outset, they have been very successful. The present year has been an important one in the fraternity world at Cornell. On the night of Oct. 4th, Sigma Phi entered. The entire college was surprised, for the entrance of such a conservative society was not looked for. They have a number of resident members and are represented in the faculty. Socially they have taken a firm foothold. They are preparing to build a house, to be ready next year. On Oct. 17th Sigma Chi established her Alpha Phi chapter here. They have in a great measure been successful, but the news of their dealings with parties in town, has gotten abroad, and has given them a hard row to hoe.

In November 1890 a new law fraternity was established here under the name of Delta Chi. It has been very successful indeed and contemplates rapid extension.

On April 22d Sigma Alpha Epsilon was established and first *showed her pin*. Her record will have to speak for itself.

This was thought to complete the fraternity list here, but no Delta Phi came in on June 6. She tried to keep her existence secret—but S. A. E. first found it out and after confirming the rumor set it a going round the college.

Last fall the seniors established a local called the Sphinx Head. Theta Nu Epsilon is established here but only plays a part in class politics; members never show the pin till after the senior election. From the above it will be seen that Cornell has all the general fraternities with but few exceptions. That these will enter in the course of a few years there is no doubt. May success attend Cornell's fraternities.

SIGMA.

CHAPTER DEATH—WHAT CAUSES IT?

It has never been my lot to belong to a chapter which death has claimed as a victim. While my observations will not be entirely theoretical, yet I fully believe that many a chapter has disbanded, where the prime causes lay back in these "insignificant matters." They doubtless contribute largely to the sum total of discord and dissatisfaction which eventually causes death.

The first cause I would cite is that ill feeling resulting from proposals of candidates. Our brothers often have particularly warm friends whom they propose for membership; the candidates may be men of sterling integrity and worth, and in every respect, "fraternity men." Yet a brother will say: "No use to propose those men—I'll fix them." There arises an ill feeling—it is only natural. Our friends are dear to us, and we feel hurt by such a remark. Under these circumstances, it requires but a scratch to draw the blood. How much easier to avoid unpleasantness in this matter than to heal the wound. How much more brotherly to hold one's peace, and cast the fatal black ball in silence. There is still a sorrow in the proposer's breast, but he can treasure nothing against a brother.

Then balloting for members sometimes occasions trouble. A man is rejected,—it should not be asked who said "nay", but it often is and as often learned. Each member has the right to vote negatively if he chooses. The rejected man's friends launch invectives against the man who cast the blackball, disregarding every brotherly feeling and invariably fanning *not* the *sacred* flame of friendship but the burning fire of discord. A greater breeder of internecine strife I cannot imagine. How much more likely to have the vote recalled by speaking to him in a brotherly manner and trying to convince him of the error of his way. Brothers, avoid this source of unbrotherly feeling.

Another element of discord is sometimes to be found in new members, who, in looking over the minutes of the chapter,

learn that they have at some time been rejected. This should not be. Either those facts should not appear on the records, or there should be satisfactory explanations given. Men are sometimes rejected not because they lack intrinsic merit, but because they are little known and members are not prone to extend a welcome to those they know not. A new member sometimes learns who is responsible for his non-election, and I have had personal knowledge of an immediate breach which has not been healed, but widens and deepens from year to year. Too often this occurs. In this connection I must mention the "mutual concession" plan implied in the expression "you let in my man, I'll let in yours." The principal of "mutual concession" is all right in my view, but the members admitted under such an agreement, if they learn it, have not the full and free friendship they would otherwise possess. I have known even this extreme to be reached. "This man must come in before I shall vote for any other person." Yet it sometimes wins, one man against all the other members, and I have known expulsion to follow—eminently the *proper verdict* in such a case.

The formation of cliques among the members is very detrimental to the best interests of the fraternity. The honors of the fraternity are sometimes fought over as fiercely and bitterly as if there were no ties binding the members closely in the bonds of friendship. No matter what the means may be, it seems, so that the desired end may be gained. No wonder that when such struggles come, the members all unite in returning their charter, sententiously saying "Internal Discord."

These "causes" have all been observed within my own chapter, and I know whereof I speak. They are probably to be found in others as well. And it is my opinion, that were these internal causes removed, external causes would do far less towards a chapter's death. Persecution and oppression would but draw the brothers closer together, and greater harmony brings greater strength and power. So mote it be.

Ohio Sigma, 1890.

H. C. BURGER.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

It was in 1860, when the land was on the brink of civil war, and the bond of sectional union was about to be broken, that an act of the territorial legislature incorporated the present State University. Its history for the next ten years is best expressed by a cypher, unless it be that, during this time, there germinated and ripened a cause which resulted in the presentation by three citizens of fifty-two acres of finely located land to the University. That was the practical beginning. In 1874 the legislature appropriated \$15,000, and Boulder doubled the amount. In 1876 another star was placed in the galaxy of our national emblem, and Colorado became a state. The same year provision was made for the permanent support of the State University by a tax of one-fifth mill upon all state property. In September, 1877, the main building was completed, and school opened with forty-four pupils and two professors ; a small beginning, but sure. The "Centennial State" is yet in her infancy, and, owing to youth, the state's finances have not warranted that generous appropriation which a leading college needs in this day of rapid growth. When the state was less than a year old, her university was a reality. Of this fact Colorado may well feel proud. Though the child of poverty, she has ever been nurtured with indulgent care. Her future grows brighter as the years roll by. During the legislative visit of last winter the members were so well pleased with the working of the institution, that, notwithstanding the low ebb of the state's finances, they appropriated \$30,000 to push the building matters, expressing regrets that they could not give a half million. From its conception its very existence, to say nothing of its growth, has been an up hill struggle. Wise and economic management has removed from the vocabulary of the university all terms antithetic to growth, and that rapid growth. It needs no sibylline foresight to see that within the next ten years \$500,000 will be expended in buildings.

A description of the buildings is best introduced by an account of their location. Boulder, a city of 5,000 inhabitants, is situated at the base of the Rockies. Within this beautiful city is the campus, a most inviting spot upon the high ground south of Boulder creek. It commands a scenery, beautiful and varied as any in the Rocky mountain region. To the south rise the rolling table-lands; to the east and north, within a radius of twenty miles, lie fertile plains, dotted here and there by artificial lakes. This scenery is in form a half moon; to the west tower the lofty foot hills, rising and ever rising till they blend in the snow-capped summits of the icy range twenty miles away. Near by are three gorgeous canons, which travellers say are surpassed for grandeur and varied scenery by none other in the state, or even Switzerland. Such in brief are the endowments nature has given to our favored "U." In proportions and grandeur a description of our buildings may not be captivating to many a reader, and yet for a young western state they can not be discounted. The main building is sixty by one hundred feet; height three stories above basement. Physical laboratory, lecture room, janitors quarters are in the basement; three recitation rooms, chapel, and president's office on first floor; general and congressional libraries, two recitation rooms, and portfolio office on second floor; chemical and biological departments on third floor. Cost of building \$50,000.

Woodbury hall, built last summer, is a dormitory for boys. Height three stories and basement. Material, red and gray sand stone. Hot and cold water. Steam heat. Electric light. Cost \$25,000. The remaining five buildings, namely, medical hall, hospital, president's college, ladies' dormitory, and boarding house, and dormitory for "medics" are all two storied brick buildings, costing from three to eight thousand dollars each. The University real estate is valued at \$100,000.

The cost of attendance here is less than in many eastern schools of the same standing. Here there is no tuition, neither are there any fees, save a five dollar matriculation fee, and an annual library fee of one dollar.



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- 1, University building. 2, Medical building. 3, Hospital. 4, Cottage No. 2.
5, President's cottage. 6, Woodbury hall. 7, Dudley hall.

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The attendance has increased steadily since the first year. There are now enrolled one hundred and seventy-five. Last year 73 per cent. of all college students in the state attended here. Four years ago the writer attended a leading Ohio college, having that year an attendance of nearly eight hundred students, and he can knowingly say that a better class of students can no where be found than here. We have from the overworked to the sluggard; from the rich to the poor; from the hilarious to the grave; from the sons of preachers to the progeny of infidels. Within our ranks party spirit or factional strife have been quite unknown. Caste—save that of charity—is unrecognized. Democracy is the dominant spirit. Harmony is the result of our counsels. Of late a prominent feature of college life is athletics. In this we have gained an enviable reputation.

Speaking of our graduates, we cannot boast of numbers, but we can glory in quality. Some of our men and women from the medical school rank high in their profession. From the department of philosophy and the arts, some occupy influential pulpits, attorney's offices, judgments, and professorships from Harvard on the Atlantic, to Leland Stanford university on the Pacific.

We have two literary societies; one has an annual contest, the other an annual exhibition. *The Portfolio* is the official organ of these societies.

The faculty consists of nineteen professors, three instructors, one librarian. Many of these are eminent in their professions.

Considering what has already been said, it is quite evident that the future Ann Arbor of the Rockies is now under headway. We have the material, location and climate. All we lack is the proper amount of money to erect more and statelier buildings, and further improve the grounds. The money, as has already been said, is forthcoming. Colorado is a free coinage state, and ere long her state university will throw its silvery rays to the four winds and gather from out the nation her future Websters, Beechers, Aesculapians and Vanderbilts.

Dr. J. A. Sewall was our first president, serving from 1877 to 1887. Horace M. Hale, LL.D., is the present incumbent.

It is largely due to the former that so firm a foundation has been laid ; to the latter that the finances and general management are so rapidly improving.

Besides S. A. E. there are three other fraternities : Pi Beta Phi, Delta Gamma, Delta Tau Delta. For some time Pi Beta Phi has been neglecting to add recruits, hence is weak in numbers; Delta Gamma is strong and prosperous; the Delta Taus are "nine in all." But the fraternity that is dearest to us all is S. A. E. Proudly does U. of C. hail her; proudly does our pure atmosphere greet her; proudly do the Rockies embrace her. S.A.E. is a noble order for the west, and the west knows it. The mountain solitudes will yet respond to her voice. The snow-capped pines shall cease to sway and moan when S. A. E. unfurls her banner. Long may that banner wave

"O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Along with the "red, white and blue" we cherish the "purple and gold." Established in the heart of the rapidly growing west, S. A. E. looks with tireless eye to Denver and Colorado Springs for companions. Early let them be received into the brotherhood. Then with this triple front, let the purple and the gold sweep on to the Pacific.

All hail the power of Sigma's name,
Her let our youth adore,
From Phoebe's saffron couch at morn,
Till eve, from shore to shore.

CONRAD BLUHM, '93.



PRINCE OF SOUTHERN COLLEGE ORATORS.

Jas. Washington Moore is in his twenty-fifth year. His early life was spent at Collierville, Tenn., about thirty miles from Memphis. In his boyhood, his uncle, another friend, and himself formed a trio who were known as the "mystic three." They held secret meetings, in which they held debates, made orations and engaged in intellectual conversation.

It was here, doubtless, that Bro. Moore began to train himself for his future success as an orator; and here his intellectual horizon began to expand, and with this expansion came the desire for a more thorough education.

He entered Vanderbilt university in September, 1886. The preparatory department had not been then abolished and he took preparatory Greek and mathematics. During the summer following his second year at Vanderbilt, Bro. Moore succeeded in making up a portion of his course, and by this extra work he was able to enter as a full junior in Sept. '88.

During the scholastic year of '88 and '89, Bro. Moore gained in a contest the "R. A. Young gold medal for oratory," and the "Crawford scholarship," a prize of one hundred dollars in gold given to that student in the "Junior year" who completes with greatest success the studies of the junior class.

For the year '89 and '90, Bro. Moore held an under-graduate fellowship in Greek, teaching two hours per week. He was also successful in other ways, winning additional honors for himself and S. A. E. He represented the Dialectic literary society in the Inter-State Collegiate oratorical contest held in the senate chamber of the Tennessee legislative halls. Owing to wrong instructions, the judges decided against him in this contest, but the matter caused much discussion in the daily papers, and there was little doubt that Bro. Moore would have gained this medal, if the judges had been properly instructed. This year, he also took "Founder's medal" in the literary department; the "Owen prize medal," given to that student who did the most satisfactory work in political economy; and besides was elected "Faculty representative" for the academic and engineering departments. In June, 1890, Bro. Moore received the degree of "Bachelor of Arts."

For 1890-'91, Bro. Moore was editor-in chief of the *Vanderbilt Observer*, a position of much honor. On the 18th of May, 1891, he was victorious in the greatest contest of his life. Then it was at the University of Virginia, that he met upon the Bema the representative orators from seven southern colleges. Then he was declared by the judges to be the winner of the gold medal offered by the "Southern inter-collegiate association," to the successful orator. Bro. Moore's subject was "Pericles, the Statesman," and those who heard him were standing again amid the historic spots of Greece, as with a master's hand he traced the career and triumphs of Pericles, the Athenian orator, general and patriot.

When Bro. Moore returned, the Vanderbilt boys, wild with enthusiasm, gave him a reception without a parallel in the annals of the university. The *Banner* says of the affair:

Several hundred fellow-students assembled at the Union depot last night to welcome Mr. J. Washington Moore, of the Vanderbilt university, the winner of the medal in the Southern inter-collegiate oratorical contest, held at the University of Virginia, last Wednesday.

The students were very enthusiastic in their demonstrations, and such an ovation has seldom been witnessed in this city. On his arrival Mr. Moore was placed upon the shoulders of his admirers and carried to a handsomely decorated carriage, drawn by four prancing steeds, and headed by a brass band. He was taken through the principal street, followed by a long procession of the students, who made the air ring with their cheers.

The procession wended its way to the university, where its coming was heralded by the booming of cannon placed on the commons near the buildings. Upon reaching the doors of the chapel Mr. Moore was again picked up bodily and carried up stairs and deposited upon the platform, where his presence was greeted by another outburst of applause.

The reception over, the students adjourned to Wesley hall, where a banquet table was surrounded, with Bro. Moore at the head, and the following evening came a banquet by his law class in Bro. Moore's honor.

Bro. Moore took the degree of Bachelor of Law, in June, 1891, and thinks of practicing law in Nashville, Tenn. He has had a career full of marvelous success. S. A. E's feel proud of his unparalleled victories, and can only wish that his future may be as brilliant as his past. It is to be hoped that his talents may be used in the world to benefit his nation and his race.

By an S. A. E.

REV. JAS. C. FURMAN, D. D.

Rev. Jas. C. Furman, D. D. was born Dec. 5th, 1809. His father was Dr. Richard Furman, an eminent Baptist divine, prominent in his day as a leader in the educational movements of that denomination. After him was named Furman university, with whose fortune the son became so strongly linked in later life.

James Furman's boyhood days were spent in Charleston, S. C. Among his early associates were young Whightman, afterwards a bishop in the M. E. church, Edward Buist, a well-known Presbyterian divine, and Henry M. Bruns, a celebrated teacher, still living in Charleston.

His higher education was obtained in Charleston college, but was curtailed by illness. His father died in 1825, when he was in his 16th year. In his 19th year occurred his conversion. He gave up the study of medicine and turned to the ministry, entering Furman theological institute at the high hills of Santee, in 1830.

In 1832 he was ordained as an evangelist, and entered enthusiastically into that work. From his smallness of stature and youthful face, he was known as "the boy preacher." Great success attended his labors, many of his converts being persons of influence in the community. His first pastorate was in 1833, when he had charge of four churches in Fairfield county, S. C. Soon afterward he accepted a call to the Welsh Neck church, one of the most refined in the state, where he remained nine years. About 1845, he was called to fill the chair of Ecclesiastical History in Furman institute. He contributed much to the success of the school, and in eight years it had become Furman university, with an endowment of \$70,000; a large sum for that day. In the meantime, the university had been removed to Greenville, a better site. The influence of the school in these ante-bellum days has been felt perceptibly. The noble band of ministers who were trained here have wielded an untold influence in this and other states, not only in the pulpit, but as

professors and teachers, and also in other walks of life. Students, too, in the literary department, have been and are still honored by the suffrages of the people, in being elected to fill the highest offices in their gift. Among them have been found a United States senator, lieutenant governor, attorney general, superintendent of education and secretary of state, besides a multitude of others who have filled less conspicuous stations, but scarcely less important. Less could hardly have been expected of men who sat at Dr. Furman's feet.

After the war, the prospects of the university were gloomy in the extreme, but Dr. Furman undertook to raise funds to reopen it, throwing his soul into the work. Indeed his whole after life was one of self-sacrifice and devotion to the school, often depriving himself and family to assist it. He served as president until 1881, when he gave way to a younger man. He however, remained with the university as professor of mental and moral science, up to his death.

As a teacher, Dr. Furman was emphatically at home, and was always held in greatest reverence by those under him. The estimation in which he was held cannot be better shown than by an incident related by Rev. J. G. Williams: "It was in May, 1865, about the close of the war, that I was paroled at Hilton Head, trying to make my way to Florida, where my wife and children were. Sitting down one day in the hotel, I recognized among some Federal officers an old friend and fellow student at Furman university. He wore the blue and I the grey. I approached him and said: 'I believe you are Delorme Benedict?' and he at once replied: 'And this is my old friend at Furman university, John G. Williams?' We had hardly begun our conversation when he said: 'Do tell me, does Dr. Furman still live? How often have I thought of him and wished that I could see him.' And then we talked about Dr. Furman so lovingly, who was now the bond of union between the Union soldier and his Confederate friend."

Few men were so highly respected or held greater influence in the Baptist church, than Dr. Furman, yet he was no sectarian, but possessed a broad catholic spirit and charity for all.

On the 3rd of March, 1891, his long life of usefulness came to a close. He was a member of S. C. Phi, and an honor to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.



REV. JAMES C. FURMAN, D. D.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Albert K. Butler, Ala. Iota, who was at college during the first of the present session, is joint owner and proprietor of the Childersburg *News*, having decided to follow journalism as a profession.

Bro. O. C. Hand, A. M. of '89 Ala. Iota, is principal of the Helena high school, a flourishing institution of learning.

Bro. J. W. Miller, class of '89 Ala. Iota, recently completed his medical course at the Mobile Medical college, and now adds M. D. to his name.

Bro. H. A. Smilie, B. P. of '87, Ala. Iota, is teaching at Huffman, Ala., during the present session, though he intends to return to college to complete the A. M. course.

Bro. E. A. Dannelly, Ala. Iota, one of Iota's handsomest sons, is engaged in pencil pushing on the *Wilcox Progress*, a paper of which he is part owner and in which his sparkling sayings are clearly discernible.

Bro. Chas. W. Gavin, Ala. Iota '88, is a minister at Plantersville, and having taken unto himself a better half, feels that he is better prepared than ever to carry on his work.

Bro. John W. Radney, Ala. Iota, the "Jumbo" of the class of '87, is merchandising at Roanoke.

Bro. M. N. Manning, B. S. of '87, Ala. Iota, is an attorney-at-law at Ashland, and in addition is editor of one of North Alabama's most enterprising weekly newspapers.

Bro. Andrew T. Woodward, S. C. Delta, of Barnwell, S. C., orders THE RECORD sent to him "always." Bro. Barnwell is a director in the Citizens savings bank of Barnwell; director in an oil mill, vice-president of the electric light company, same of the electric street railway, and is interested in every other live project to benefit his town. He also has a large practice as an attorney-at-law, and as an investing agent controls a large amount of property.

In speaking of his college days Bro. Woodward says: "I would advise all young men of college to make as many friends as possible at school and do not let secret societies interfere too much. It pays to make friends."

Bro. E. G. Seibels, S. C. Delta, is special agent for the Cal-edonian insurance company of Scotland, at Columbia, S. C.

Bro. D. P. Adams is a member of the firm of Throne, Franklin, Nance & Adams, dealers in boots and shoes at Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. N. B. Carter, Mich. Alpha, is a prominent real estate dealer of Los Angeles, Cal. Bro. Carter will welcome any Sigs visiting his city.

Bro. John W. Sibley is treasurer of the Coaldale brick and tile company of Coaldale, Ala. Though an alumnus of several years standing he still takes a deep interest in the fraternity's welfare and expects to be present at the Augusta convention.

Bro. McCallie of Tenn. Zeta, recently had the pleasure of calling upon Bro. J. W. Kerr, one of the founders and first president of S. A. E., at his home in St. Louis. He found Bro. Kerr poring over the March RECORD which he had just received. Bro. Kerr says he has almost forgotten the details of the organization of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, but with the ingenuity characteristic of his profession, he has agreed to remember or invent them somehow and prepare an article for the RECORD. Bro. McCallie reports Bro. Kerr, as an affable, cordial, witty and courtly gentleman. The RECORD hopes to prevail on Bro. Kerr to furnish not only the article mentioned but also his photo, for our pages.

Bro. D. W. Spence, Mich. Iota Beta '89, is in the employ of W. R. Hand, Denver, agent for the Lane bridge and iron works of Chicago, Ill.

Bro. Wm. Mack of Mo. Alpha may be addressed to No. 611 Clay street San Francisco, Cal. Bro. Mack has his eye on S. A. E's prospective interests, at the University of California.

Bro. G. G. Harris of Ga. Beta, has been in attendance at the North Ga. Agricultural college during the past year. Bro.

Harris does not advise the revival of Ga. Delta, at that institution.

Bro. M. L. John, N. C. Xi, is principal of Mocksville academy, Mocksville, N. C.

Married at St. John's Episcopal church, Savannah, on Wednesday April 8th, Jas. B. West, Ga. Beta '90, and Miss Ella Shivers.

Bro. N. Sakurai, Mich. Iota Beta, reports his health much improved by California climate.

Bro. H. C. Hartshorn, of Ohio Sigma, has been teaching school this last year in Boulder, Colorado.

Bro. H. S. Murdoch, of Tenn. Eta, has been attending school at Colorado college, Colorado Springs, Col., this year.

Mr. Vinton Hickie, a student of '86, and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, was married to Miss Hattie M. Warren, of Mt. Blanchard, Ohio.—*Adrian College world*.

At the meeting of the Michigan Inter-State Collegiate Prohibition association, held at Ypsilanti, in May, Bro. E. C. Lane, of Mich. Alpha, was elected state secretary.

Bro. Davis Freeman, Ga. Beta '83, has recently been appointed on the staff of the 3rd Georgia battalion, with the rank of lieutenant. He was formerly captain of company A of this battalion, and of company A of the university cadets.

On May 1st, Bro. W. M. Bunting, Tenn. Zeta '87, became editor and publisher of the Florence (Ala.) *Herald*. Bro. Bunting has been connected with the *Herald* for the past two years as assistant editor, and is eminently qualified for his new responsibilities. THE RECORD wishes him success.

Bro. Henry Hood, M. D., Mich. Alpha '83, who has established a fine practice in Battle Mount, Nevada, recently visited his parents near Adrian, at the same time with his sister Mrs. L. E. Davis, of Middletown, N. Y.

Our esteemed Bro., President McCulloch, of Adrian college, has been elected a member of the Council of the American Society for the extension of university teaching. The object

of the association is to spread university work by means of popular lectures on subjects taught in our universities.

Bro. H. R. Lowrie, Mich. Alpha '85, state editor of the *Detroit News*, will sail for Europe about July 15th. He expects to visit all the European countries and Egypt, going as far east as Constantinople.

"*The Hustler*" of Vanderbilt, ornamented its first page with four very victorious looking roosters in honor of Bro. J. Washington More's victory at the University of Virginia.

The *Lebanon Democrat* has this to say of Bro. S. W. Meek of Tenn. Eta: "The manager of the S. W. Pub. House, Mr. Sam W. Meek, a young man who has graduated in every department of the business, is in hearty sympathy with his customers and men. He has not yet turned his 27th year, but has developed this large and prosperous business, requiring the closest scrutiny and a marvelous mastery of detail. His success alone should be a great stimulus to every young man."

John D. Pope, Ga. Beta, is the very efficient solicitor of the County Court of Dougherty county, Ga.

Dr. R. A. Shine, Fla. Upsilon, is enjoying a successful dental practice in Albany, Ga.

Frank Sheffield, Ga. Beta alumnus, and M. W. Tift, Ga. Beta, have recently taken unto themselves wives. Brother Sheffield wedded Miss Johnnie Davis, sister of Jos. S. Davis, Ga. Beta, whilst Brother Tift married Miss Lula Wooten sister of W. E. Wooten, of Ga. Beta. All the parties live in Albany, Ga.

Dr. J. G. Cutliff, Tenn. Nu '91, has located in Albany for the practice of his profession—dentistry.

Jos. S. Davis, Ga. Beta, as secretary and superintendent of the Georgia Chautauqua, the brilliant session of which was held in Albany, Ga. in March last, has made himself deservedly famous in that section of Georgia.

Sam H. Tift, Ga. Psi, and Tenn. Omega, is now in Albany in business with the prominent firm of N. F. Tift & Co.

Jos. B. Beall, Ga. Pi, is one of the most extensive cotton planters of Dougherty county, Ga.

Judge Allen P. Foot, Ga. Beta, until recently judge of the superior courts of the south-western circuit of Georgia, has been appointed to a position on the Georgia railroad commission—a position of eminence, trust and responsibility.

John A. Sibley, Va. Sigma, is a member of the Georgia house of representatives, representing very ably the county of Cobb. Brother Sibley lives at Marietta, Ga.

John D. Little, Ga. Beta, has become a member of the prominent law firm, Little, Wimbish & Little, of Columbus, Ga.

W. W. Osborn., Ga. Beta '85, and W. L. Clay, Ga. Beta '86, are among the most prominent of the young attorneys of Savannah, Ga.

John D. Mell, Ga. Beta, has been appointed solicitor of the city court of Athens, Ga.

Jesse W. Walters, Ga. Beta, has a large and lucrative law practice in south-west Ga. His home is Albany.

Robt. S. Pattillo, Ga. Epsilon, one of the most enthusiastic Sigs who ever wore the "diamond," has prominent business connections in Albany.

H. A. Tarbox jr., Ga. Beta. Al., is cashier for the Hobbs & Tucker Banking Co., of Albany, Ga.

R. H. Warren, Ga. Beta, is bookkeeper of H. J. Lamar & Sons, at Albany.



CHAPTER LETTERS.

Georgia Psi—Mercer University, Macon.

It is with much pleasure that we respond to the call for a contribution to the RECORD once more; having been denied a publication at the last regular time, we are now prepared to give it a more hearty welcome and to appreciate it all the more hereafter. Our boys will be so situated that they can enjoy the next issue to the fullest extent, for it will find each of us with the "old folks at home," with the monotony of college life all left behind, and nothing to do but think of our best girl and the fraternity.

Mercer has just closed her most successful year, and among the number chosen to represent the several classes at commencement, S. A. E. had her share as usual. At the anniversary exercises of the literary societies, one of our men acquitted himself most honorably as anniversarian from his society. In the annual debate, another from the junior class won laurels of victory for his side. Among the twelve sophomore speakers, five were S. A. E's, and from junior and senior classes we had one each. The medal for excellence in composition in the junior class was carried off by a loyal "Sig."

The class of this collegiate year removes from us three of our number, who graduate and go forth to do honor, we trust, to themselves and float high the colors of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. These vacancies we intend to fill at the opening of our next term with three of the best boys that shall enter Mercer's portals, and also to introduce into our fold a few others whom we may see fit. It is not, however, our intention to swell our ranks so much in numbers, but to keep ever in mind our motto—*quality before quantity*.

There are several items of interest to our order, which we hope every active member, at least, will take upon himself to look after during his vacation. Among them I will mention a

few. When we hear of a boy who anticipates entering college next year, if we are not already well acquainted with him, we should make every possible investigation relative to his character, ability, etc., and decide in our own minds whether or not we want him. Then when we return we are prepared to act immediately, and thus often secure a good man whom we might otherwise have lost.

Next, we would ask that each man obligate himself to look after defunct chapters, and investigate the probabilities of replanting our standard there, (provided, of course, it be such a place as would justify her resurrection.)

In addition to this there are hundreds of new fields in which we should be represented. New colleges are being built every year, and old S. A. E. is founded on such principles, and her past record is such that we see no reason why her domain cannot be extended and others allowed to share her benefits. If so, then we, who are scattered about in different parts of the land, with these new fields before and around us, are the men to do the work.

Next, and the last I shall mention, is a word for the RECORD. This is something that we cannot afford to be without, for when the medium through which we speak to each other ceases to exist, our interest and enthusiasm will become weakened. Let us, therefore, each one consider himself a soliciting agent for subscribers, and try to induce every alumnus with whom we shall be brought in contact, to place his name on the list for the next year. Now I know some few in each chapter are wide awake to our general interests, but the majority of us seem to think that our *personal* and *individual* efforts are not needed, and consequently our interests abroad are not looked after as they should be.

May every "Sig" enjoy a happy vacation, and may Sigma Alpha Epsilon sway her sceptre far and wide, is the wish of old Psi.

Fraternally,

CHAS. T. BROWN.

Georgia Tau—State Tec. Institute, Atlanta.

Since our last letter to the RECORD, the Technological base ball association has reorganized, with sixty members. We were fortunate in securing two places on the college team: Bros. Bridge and Harper. The class of '92 has also organized a nine, with Brother Bridge as captain, and we will probably secure two more places. Bro. Harper is captain of the '93 nine.

We are pleased to report the initiation of two more fine men. They are Bros. M. W. McRae, '93; and R. B. Wiley, '92. This makes our active membership nine. We also have one pledged member for next fall.

We are at last fixed in our new hall, and are continually adding to it. We have a large, centrally located room, and have about \$100 worth of furniture in it. We lose one of our best men to Cornell next fall, and he will be a valuable addition to our chapter there.

And now we have to perform the sad duty of announcing the death of Bro. Neal Keely, '93, who was hurt while playing base ball, and died from the effects. In the death of Bro. Keely the chapter has sustained a heavy loss. Quiet, retiring, generous, he had completely won our hearts in the short time he had been a member of our chapter. The *Atlanta Constitution* said of him:

The death of this rare boy adds another crushing blow to his poor suffering mother's heart. The relations which existed between mother and son were something beautiful. Having lost her princely husband, he of the "golden heart," she in the depths of her sorrow turned to her boys for earthly solace. Neal being the eldest, she rested her tired hand on his shoulder, and well did the noble heart respond to her mute appeal for love and sympathy. His supreme devotion to her was that of a fond lover prompted by the deepest and strongest filial affection. He would twine his arms lovingly about her and kiss away the burning tears, while tender, loving words fell from his lips as pure "as hovers where angels have flown." He was a manly boy, and in the fields could ride and shoot like a trooper. He was perfectly at home in the saddle, bearing himself with all the ease and grace of an accomplished horseman. A splendid rifle shot and a bold rider, he reflected the martial spirit of his chivalric father. Yet in the home and social circle his manners were as soft and refined as a girl's. He was in every sense of the word a genteel

gentleman. The warm impetuous nature of the father, toned by the gentle, clinging spirit of the mother, formed in Neal a perfect character. Inheriting such noble characteristics * * * made him one of nature's noble-men.

The junior class attended his funeral in a body, and the pall bearers with one exception, were Sigs. We are indeed grieved at our loss.

Fraternally,

GEO. FREEMAN.

Alabama Iota—Southern University, Greensboro.

We are moving along quietly at the present writing, preserving the dignity and unswerving fidelity of our order, and feeling that much actual, onward progress has been made during the past session. Within our walls we learn the lessons which are to aid and benefit us during our entire life time, and the hall of Iota by association becomes dearer to us every day. In this we know that we are not alone, but that our love and veneration for our temple is experienced by every wearer of the royal purple and old gold in the north, east, south and west.

In alumni members we are peculiarly fortunate. Our *frater-in-facultate*, Prof. Charles A. Grote, is one of the best known and most competent educators in the state. Formerly a student of the university he graduated with honor and distinction as the gold medalist of his class. Being tendered a position in the institution, he accepted it, and today no chair in the university is better filled than that of natural science. In addition to this position, he is president of the board of Stewards of the Methodist church at this place, and county superintendent of education. His literary abilities and sterling merit make him one of the brightest exponents of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's principles that we have in Alabama.

As *fratres-in urbe* we have Bro. C. A. Rush, planter near Greensboro, Bro. Frank Cobbs, formerly of Penn. Omega, cotton merchant, Bro. E. S. Jack, assistant tax collector of Hale county, Bro. G. E. Knight, solicitor of Hale county, Bro. Wm.

E. W. Yerby, editor of the Greensboro *Watchman*, and Bro. J. W. Bondurant, editor of the Alabama *Beacon*.

We are glad to see that Mr. Baird's book, "American College fraternities" puts S. A. E. in the lead of the southern fraternities, and right there we expect the banner of purple and gold to remain. To our new northern and western chapters Iota sends greeting, bidding them welcome to the chain of brotherly love constantly enlarging, and through the links of which throb and pulsate the cardinal principles and virtues of our order.

The record of our chapter during the past session is one to which we can point with pride. Not a stain has been cast upon our banner, and in leaving college we do so feeling that no shadow has been thrown upon the noble record left by those who have stood beneath its folds in the years of the past.

We have been improving our hall, and with its new papering, molding, pictures and among other ornaments an exquisite wall banner presented by one of our lady friends, it is indeed a thing of beauty and of joy to behold.

Commencement will soon be upon us, and preparations for our annual banquet are now being made. If you, Mr. Editor, or any of the brother Sigs should happen to be in Greensboro upon the night of the 12th of June, you will find at the residence of Dr. A. Stollenwerck a gathering of our members, active and alumni, with a number of Alabama's fairest daughters. A token of recognition, given and received, and you will have an opportunity of testing Iota's hospitality.

Fraternally, JAS. M. GLENN.

S. C. Delta—University of South Carolina, Columbia.

The final examinations for the year '90-'91 are upon us. It is needless to say that the Sigs will as usual acquit themselves with credit.

The arrangements for a pan-hellenic banquet and German have been perfected. The event will take place the evening of June 12. This is the most enjoyable feature of commencement

exercises, and it bids fair this year to surpass anything of its kind ever given in Columbia. Bro. F. C. Withers has been chosen by Delta to represent her in the toasts. He will respond to the toast "The South Carolina College." Bro. B. H. Harvin is on the executive committee and Bro. O. R. Withers is on the reception committee.

At a recent meeting of the senior class it was decided to observe Class day. Bro. H. Withers will deliver the president's address. He will also address the three lower classes and deliver the class relic to the president of '92.

Since our last letter we have initiated Mr. G. B. McMaster of Winnsboro into the mysteries of S. A. E.

Bro. B. F. P. Beattie, a graduate of last year, who has been at the University of Virginia for the past nine months, paid us a short visit last month. He will sail for Europe in a few days, where he will enjoy the pleasure of sight seeing for a year or two.

Bro. P. H. Haskell, who has been taking a course in mining engineering in German for two years, is expected home this summer.

Delta will graduate three men this year: Bros. M. L. Hana-han, B. H. Harvin, and I. C. Withers. This will leave us eight men. As several of them will not return to college next session, Delta will begin work in October with but four or five members. We are not discouraged, however, and expect to hold our position among the nine fraternities represented here.

Bro. O. R. Withers has been chosen a delegate by the university Y. M. C. A. to represent them at the Northfield, Mass. summer school. He will leave on or about June 24.

This is the last year of the University of South Carolina. It has been reorganized and will begin life next year as a college.

Fraternally,

H. L. ELLIOTT, JR.

Alabama Alpha Mu—A. and M. College, Auburn.

The session of '91 draws to an end. At its close we will lose three of our most worthy brothers. We will have our share of honors in the different classes and departments, and therefore have no cause to complain.

Our men are energetic and loyal Sigs, and their minds are borne to honor and distinction. There is only one cause for complaint during the last three or four months, namely, that the chapters seem very dilatory in answering our E. C.'s letters. He has written numerous ones, but his answers are few and far between, and we do sincerely hope that the chapters will be more careful in selecting their E. C. for the ensuing term. We think that the life of the fraternity depends, in a great measure, upon chapter correspondence.

Most of our boys expect to return next fall, and there is some chance of two of our graduates returning to take a post graduate course. Even should these two return, we will lose one worthy alumnus, Bro. Arthur Dunstan, who has been assistant professor of Physics and an active Sig. He goes to finish his education at John Hopkins. Bro. Dunstan graduated here in the class of '89, with an average grade of 99. We are proud to see our alumni doing so well. Bros. Taylor and Crenshaw, of '89, hold lucrative positions in the construction of railroads.

Numerous others we could mention who are doing equally as well, but time and space will not permit.

Since our last letter we have initiated one man, W. S. Crump, a brother worthy in every point to be a wearer of the purple and gold.

We have elected for '91 and '92 the following officers: C. A. Brown, E. A.; C. H. Smith, E. D. A.; R. J. Trammell, E. R.; H. Dunstan, E. T.; C. Andrews, E. C.; H. K. Miller, E. H.; J. S. Pon, E. W. Bro. Brown will be senior captain next term.

With best wishes for the future prosperity of the fraternity, we are,

Fraternally, J. A. D. and J. S. P.

South Carolina Gamma—Wofford College, Spartanburg.

As the closing days of '91 are ending, Gamma views with pleasure her success of the past and looks with fond anticipations to the future. Though still young, she entertains no hesitancy or fear in placing her past record by the side of older sister chapters for inspection. Gamma has indeed been fortunate since her organization, in ascending to her present high eminence. There are now five other prosperous fraternities in the college, and as we compare the honors each has taken during the past scholastic year, S. A. E. stands pre-eminently in the front. We are glad to say that the existing rivalry between the various fraternities is pleasant, and we believe the honors are awarded according to honesty and merit.

Gamma is looking forward with delight to the rapidly approaching commencement, when men shall do honor to themselves, to their chapter and to all bound by the fraternal bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Hoping it may be of interest to our sister chapters watching the growth of our infant chapter, we will briefly give some idea as to our past record, and of the part Gamma will play in the commencement exercises. Allow us first to say that the highest honor that can be conferred is by the Calhoun and Preston literary societies. Though there be colleges and universities that surpass Wofford in wealth and reputation, there are few if any that can surpass our literary societies. Every year two speakers are elected from each of the literary societies for the annual debate in June. The debate is one of the most important features of commencement. Of the four elected debators, Bros. D. W. Daniel and J. J. Riley will represent S. A. E., and your correspondent has the honor of presiding. Of the other two debators one is a K. A. and the other is at present a "non." In the graduating class S. A. E. will be represented by Bros. J. L. Daniel, C. P. Hammond and K. D. Senn. As marshals for commencement, Bro. McRoy was elected junior marshal, and Bro. B. W. Crouch, sophomore marshal. From the Preston literary society, Bro. W. E. Willis was elected chairman of the reception committee; he was also

elected as alternate to deliver the anniversary oration from the Calhoun society, next October. A few nights ago, officers and editors were elected for the *College Journal* for the next collegiate term. These positions are considered quite honored. Bro. J. J. Riley was elected editor-in-chief, and Bro. D. W. Daniel, one of the associate editors.

We have consumed considerable space in mentioning our honors, but we trust the mention will not be condemned, but appreciated. Of the three seniors soon to leave us, each has been president of his respective literary society; an honor that cannot be claimed by any of the other fraternities. We regret to lose these three energetic workers and loyal brethren, but as they have honored us in college, they will now do us credit in the outside world.

Since our last communication the sophomore class has had its exhibition; but not to consume time and space in description, we will only say that Bros. B. W. Crouch and L. H. Smith, the representative speakers of Gamma, acquitted themselves with honor, while Bro. Henry Stokes served most admirably as a marshal.

Gamma desires to return thanks through the RECORD to S. C. Delta, for an invitation to attend the Pan-Hellenic banquet of the fraternities at S. C. university, and to S. C. Phi, for an invitation to attend their annual picnic on Paris mountain. Gamma would be delighted to have a representative at both, but college duties forbid that pleasure. We wish both a most pleasant and profitable occasion. Not long since, Alpha Tau Omega entered the ranks of Wofford. That honored fraternity we think has established a chapter destined to add another star to its already glittering crown. Gamma gladly bids them welcome, and wishes them success and prosperity.

In our last letter we neglected to mention the name of Bro. B. F. Wilson, president of Converse female college. He is indeed a genuine S. A. E., and one that S. A. E. can well be proud to claim. Very frequently we have the privilege and pleasure of exchanging the fraternal grasp with him, and recognizing in

him that fraternal spirit that should characterize all true S. A. E's.

Gamma has elected her officers for another term, resulting as follows: Bros. J. J. Riley, E. A.; D. W. Daniel, E. D. A.; R. C. McRcy, E. R.; W. E. Willis, E. T.; J. C. Covington, E. C.; B. W. Crouch, E. Chron.; W. D. Dent, E. H.; Henry Stokes, E. W. Gamma now numbers 14. Ere we shall write another letter for the RECORD, college duties will have suspended, and the weary student will have found rest in a happy home. Though all college duties be laid aside, let us not forget our honored fraternity, but in our leisure moments let us revive fond recollections of the past, and with renewed zeal and energy, let us return to our college duties next term, pressing onward to grander and nobler attainments.

Fraternally, J. C. COVINGTON.

South Carolina Phi—Furman University, Greenville.

We were sincerely sorry not to have had a letter in the last RECORD, but through some mistake the one delegated by the E. C. overlooked it.

Never has Furman university occupied a higher position among the celebrated institutions of the south than at this time. Her course, professors, students, buildings and grounds are higher and better.

The fraternities here are all strong, and appreciating that broad, pan-hellenic feeling, there is really a brotherly touch exchanged in our work among the students.

The S. A. E. boys wield an influence in the literary societies, socially, with the base and foot ball, and with the tennis racket, if not with the fair ones themselves, who almost universally handle it.

Only recently Bro. C. E. Burt was unanimously elected president of one of our leading literary societies, and in our recent public debate, Bros. Roper and McDowell acquitted themselves handsomely.

Our recent annual picnic on Paris mountain, nine miles from

the city, was a crowning success. The Hotel Altamont furnished an excellent place for those who wished to dance, and the beautiful mountain with its picturesque scenery and parks afforded pleasure and retreat for those who preferred the "picnic stroll" or the tennis racket.

We rejoice at the good broad work now being done. Cornell, and Denver and others stand among our great and bright lights for S. A. E.

Bro. James I. Eorle, one of our prominent alumni is a candidate for mayor of our city and though there are three other good men in the field, we believe Bro. Eorle "is the winner."

Bro. Capers was recently elected captain of the Butler guards, an historic company of this state, and he is justly proud of his command.

Until our University opens in the fall, and the next RECORD, we bid farewell and God speed to our brothers throughout Sigdom.

Faternally, E. A. McDOWELL.

Virginia Pi—Emory and Henry College, Emory.

We were all glad when we were informed by Bro. Cowan that arrangements had been made for another issue of THE RECORD before the closing of the year. Although our session will have closed before it comes out, we will take none the less pleasure in perusing the pages of our RECORD in our various homes.

We are glad to report our increased membership and the bright prospects for the coming year; also our success so far in winning a good share of the honors of the year.

Our initiates since our last letter are as follows: F. J. Brown, of West Virginia, A. E. Buchanan of Virginia and J. W. Hamilton of Tennessee. We now have seven men, five of whom will return, besides two or three old men.

With these recruits we predict a prosperous year for Virginia Pi in '92.

The past year, on the whole, has been a prosperous one although the prospects were exceedingly gloomy at the beginning of the session.

With a hearty grip to each and all, wishing you a pleasant vacation. Fraternally, H. H. ATKINSON.

*Tennessee Zeta—Southwestern Presbyterian University,
Clarksville.*

So much of interest and importance has occurred in Zeta's history since the last RECORD, it is hard to make a beginning to recount it all, but, as our latch string always hangs outside and within reach of all wandering Sigs, I shall begin by mentioning those who have paid us visits recently. They were Bailey Sory and Jeff McComb of Bethel college, Lee Byrom and Rev. G. F. Campbell, of Vanderbilt, Callum Brown, traveling salesman for a St. Louis house, and, by the way, one of the old University of Nashville men, and R. F. Bunting, Rev. W. L. Stewart, F. F. McGuire, Rev. G. W. Patterson and Dr. R. F. Bunting all members of Zeta. Thus you see that we have not been lonely. The latch string to our Billy's stall is also within access to certain classes of deserving fellows and quite a number have lifted it and crossed the mystic threshold since our last report. They are G. H. Bunting of Florence, Alabama, brother to our distinguished brother, H. S. Bunting and making the fifth initiate of that family. Also, John D. Mulheron and H. P. Ware of Clarksville. But beside these new active members, it has been our good pleasure to realize some plans that we have been formulating for two or three years,—that of selecting our quota of honorary members—and we are satisfied that in our choice we have done a great benefit to our chapter. In the first place Maj. Chas. H. Smith of Ga., better known as the inimitable "Bill Arp," was with us recently and, thinking him too good a man to be on the outside, Zeta revealed to him the mysteries. Later on we also initiated Judge Authur H. Munford, Dr. F. Runyon and Mr. Lacy Lockert, all of Clarksville. These

gentlemen are true men and have taken a great interest in S. A. E. and her boys already. We are now proud to be able to say that S. A. E. has decidedly the best delegation of town members among the fraternities here. The annual field day occurred May the 5th and on that occasion S. A. E. literally swept the field. The medals for the following contests were won by the fratres:

One hundred yards dash, H. S. Bunting, 11 3-5 secs.

Standing long jump, F. R. Graves, 8 ft. 11 1/4 inches.

Throwing base ball, H. S. Hersman, 107 yds. 2 ft. 8 inches.

Running high jump, H. S. Hersman, 4 ft. 10 3/4 inches.

Running long jump, J. F. Naylor, 18 ft. 8 1/2 inches.

Running high kick, E. B. Baker, 8 ft. 7 1/4 inches.

Putting shot, E. B. Baker, 25 ft.

Hurdle race, H. S. Hersman, 19 secs.

One mile race, G. H. Bunting, 4 min., 45 1/2 sec.

Kappa Sigma got one medal and the "barbs" three, not counting the sack races, etc.

From this time until commencement nothing of interest occurred, as we all were hard at work on our "exams." The labor and time expended was not, however, without its ample rewards. Bros. H. S. Bunting, J. S. Burton, F. R. Graves and R. B. McCallie taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and Bro. R. A. Haden that of Bachelor of Divinity. In the struggle for honors, S. A. E. of this year, in accordance with the established precedent of former years, came through with flying colors. Bro. R. B. McCallie carried off the Mack biblical medal, Bro. H. S. Bunting the prize essayist medal and Bro. F. R. Graves the joint society oratorical medal. These together with a medal taken by Bro. Stakeley earlier in the session makes the list of medals among the fraternities for this year as follows: S. A. E. 4, P. K. A. 3 and K. S. 1 (one).

Before closing this letter, I feel as if we would not be doing our duty, if we failed to bestow some mental praise upon our late E. A., Bro. C. M. Morgan. He has made us one of the best (if not the best) E. A. we have ever had. So much liked

was he that some of our brothers were heartily in favor of violating all precedents and electing him to fill that honorable office for a second time. Suffice it to say that he is loved, esteemed and honored by all for the excellent manner in which he has so conscientiously performed his duty as the high and honored brother of Chapter Zeta.

Although a good many of our boys will not return next year, yet the prospects for the chapter are flattering indeed. We expect at least ten of the old boys back. It is the saddest part of the year when we all are compelled to separate and go to our several homes, some of us never to return again.

Zeta extends her congratulations to the Editor-in-Chief and to the E. S. A. for their very efficient work during the past scholastic year, and wishes prosperity to all the chapters for the next year.

J. S. BURTON.

Tennessee Lambda—Cumberland University, Lebanon.

The time is at hand to send in our chapter letter, but what to write about is unknown to your correspondent. We are doing absolutely nothing in the way of fraternity work, nor are we likely to do anything before school closes. Not only has the spirit of indifference and inaction, but that of fastidiousness settled down on this chapter. Our actions indicate that we are indifferent as to the present, and unsolicitous as to the future. We want more men. We have fourteen, but in five weeks eleven of these leave, not to return, and the three left are Lits., so we will not be represented in the other departments. Hence, next term this chapter will barely escape death, and occupy relatively a very inferior place, unless we awake at once, and go to work. This chapter's charter has been withdrawn many times, and every time from an insufficiency of men. Some of us never profit by experience.

Outside of the fraternity our men are doing good work, and reflecting honor upon the fraternity. Bro. Caruthers has been appointed by the faculty to represent the senior class as orator

during commencement, and Bro. Crider is historian for the same class and occasion. There is but one medal given by the societies, and that will fall to the lot of S. A. E.

In reading your list of S. A. E's prominent men in the RECORD, I missed the names of many equally as prominent. For instance, we had three men in the Tennessee legislature, whose names were not mentioned, and each of these distinguished himself, and Bro. McMillan particularly. B. T. Kimbrough is not a member of the Mississippi legislature, but a chancellor.

An alumnus of Lambda, will return to Lebanon in a few weeks, and carry back with him a wife. She is a loyal S. A. E.

Fraternally, F. E. HALBERT.

Tennessee Eta—S. W. B. U., Jackson.

Our school closed June 4th under the most favorable auspices. This has been one of the most prosperous years in the history of the school, and Eta as well; and there has never been a time when the contests between the Greeks and barbarians were so hotly carried on. The "barbs" have made every effort during the year to defeat the Greeks, both in societies and class-room, and it is needless for me to say that the Greeks have not only held their own, but have marched steadily to success. Eta's men took all the prizes except two, and these were given by partial judges, and against the popular opinion of all those who were present.

After our closing exercises were almost over, an alumnus was called upon to talk to the boys who were assembled in the chapel for prayer, one morning, and while recalling some of the scenes of his early school life, he told how the barbarians used to harass the Greeks, which brought forth considerable applause and merriment among the "barbs"; but when he had finished, our venerable Prof. H. C. Irby arose and said that he wished to testify to the fact that the "barbs" did weary them some, but that they (the "barbs") always got the worst end of the bargain. He said that in all his long experience in teaching he had never

known a Greek utterly defeated, but that he had always found them prompt in their duty, and battling for the right, which will always prevail. He closed his speech by saying: "Boys, don't 'tackle' a Greek fraternity, for you will always be loser." It was then our time to applaud, and it was only hushed by the continuous ringing of the president's bell.

Our boys are now scattered in various parts of the country, but every one left school thoroughly saturated with the principles of S. A. E.

The prospects for our school are now brighter than ever before, and we expect four hundred students next session; and of course Eta will get her share of the best and truest. We also expect at least one or two other fraternities to enter our school at an early day next fall. We hope they will.

Fraternally, J. A. MOUNT.

Ohio Alpha Alumnus—Alliance.

With pleasure do we respond to the call for our regular chapter letter. It finds us in prime condition, never better, and we desire to tell you of our enthusiasm for S. A. E.

That indefatigable worker, John H. Focht, is still engaged in extension work, with promise of success in the near future.

Fred. L. Taft has turned his attention to extension, also, and will petition for a charter early in the fall. Everything is well under way, and you need not doubt his success. Bro. Taft has recently become a member of the Hamilton chapter of the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity.

Jas. B. Wallace recently suffered the loss of his young and accomplished wife. Our hearts go out to him in his affliction, and if the sympathy of friends could bring him comfort and strength, be assured that he would not feel the blow so keenly. Others of our circle have lost near and dear friends, and all are drawn together more closely by the bond of sympathy.

John F. O'Keefe hangs out his shingle at Saginaw, Mich., as a full-fledged limb of the law. Bro. O'Keefe is a man of character and integrity, and will succeed.

Thos. E. Cramblet issues *The Christian Herald* from his new home in Omaha, Neb. The idea of issuing a Congregational church organ is good, and Bro. Cramblet has made the trial with great success.

The RECORD has already told the new departure of Bros. McMillan and Carrol. *The Belmont County Chronicle*, is succeeding nicely under the new management, and continues to be an able exponent of republican principles and doctrines. "More new departures," is the motto of the-proprietors.

As usual, we are overrunning our space, and shall have to cut this short. We still have space to say that we wish you all peace, plenty and prosperity.

Fraternally,

H. C. BURGER.

Kentucky Iota—Bethel College, Russellville.

It is with some degree of pleasure that I again respond to the notice of our faithful editor. I can only report Iota as still progressing and continuing to hold her own among her rivals.

We have just finished fitting up our hall, and now claim the ownership of the prettiest and neatest hall in the college.

As I stand now at the close of nearly the third year since the establishment of our chapter and see her as she is now, I am made to feel proud of her. We have steadily increased, having had only six members, and they rather discouraged, to begin with, and nine the next year, and the present year we have enrolled fourteen men, ten of whom still remain. Now we think with the memory of what has been done, slow but steady growth and the flattering prospects that lie out before us, we feel encouraged to attain yet higher victories and wage more valiant conquests.

We cannot as yet tell what honors our boys will carry off. Some of them have good prospects. Perhaps before the RECORD comes out we shall know just how we stand.

It has recently been the pleasure of the undersigned to visit our near neighbor, chapter Tennessee Zeta, to whom we owe

our existence. Of course it was a great pleasure. Sigs were so thick they seemed almost to overwhelm us, and almost every time I turned around, here was one giving me the grip. It was one of those old fashioned southern hearty grips that made the muscles ache to the elbow. Of course we beheld the smiling face of well-known Bro. H. S. Bunting. Was sorry to know that he leaves school this year, but he promises never to forget purple and gold and to continue to contribute to the RECORD.

Our visit was reciprocated by our Bro. Graves of Zeta, but we are afraid that we did not act the host as well as did Zeta to us.

We can hope that all Sigs will have a pleasant vacation, enjoy more sweetly the home associations, and return in the fall revived in spirit, recuperated in body, and may we all be more enthusiastic and more determined of success.

Fraternally, E. T. MOBLERLY.

Michigan Alpha—Adrian College, Adrian.

Nearing the close of this College year, Michigan Alpha looks back upon a year which has been eminently successful. Only those upon the scene of action could appreciate Alpha's position at the opening of the college year. Commencement will find her where she has been wont to stand—at the head.

Some of the "old boys" may think the men taken in this year are "kids." Perhaps they are, in a sense, but when the prizes are awarded, if Alpha does not secure the lion's share it will be a strange thing. I hope the result in this direction will be on a par with former years. Alpha has always taken the majority of the prizes and she will not fall behind this year.

Alpha has started a new plan of literary work. Realizing that the average fraternity man has about all the literary work he is able to carry, and that the average fraternity man will not be pushed by love of fraternity to do double work, we have the following plan. One member is appointed to select subjects for extempore speeches. The roll is called and each man, as he rises, is given a subject, upon which he is to speak for three

minutes. The plan works well, and even now we see good results coming from it.

Alpha has not as yet received a copy of the minutes of the last convention. THE RECORD, as far as it has appeared, has been a great success. We cannot understand why the means are not provided for its regular publication. Where is all the "surplus" money in the treasury? There *ought* to be a reason for everything. Alpha sends best wishes to all.

Fraternally, LEIGH LAYMAN.

N. B.—Since the above letter was written, commencement exercises at Adrain added a new victory to the long list won by Michigan Alpha. H. L. Layman won the commencement oratorical prize. The first year the prize was offered in '88, H. T. Stephens, a Beta Theta Pi, was the successful man. Since then, Alpha has been fortunate enough to keep the valuable prize in the chapter. W. L. Lowrie in '89, H. C. Rorick in '90 and H. L. Layman in '91 are the successful trio.—[ED.]

Michigan Iota Beta—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Again, through the pages of the RECORD, we send greetings to our brothers, but with an affectionate farewell for a time. This year, in some ways, has been very prosperous for us, and in others disastrous; but we sincerely hope that the evils have been eradicated, and that we stand on a firmer foundation than ever.

We intend to leave our present quarters for more pleasant ones. A large and more convenient building has been secured as the chapter house of the Sigma Alphas, and within its walls we hope to smoke the fraternal pipe of peace for some time to come. Our chapter will begin its active work with at least 15 members, and we are always ready to welcome brothers from other chapters, who may come to work with us.

Our brother Wallace W. Cook is slowly recovering from an attack of blood-poisoning, that resulted from a wounded foot.

For a time his life was despaired of, but we are happy to know that the danger is past, and that he will be in our circle again. Nobusabro Sakurai went to California, suffering with consumption, and will probably return to his home at Tokio, Japan, this summer.

We are very glad to see the boundaries of S. A. E. widening, and hope to see the day when with chapters in the important schools in all the states, we may truly be called national.

Fraternally, CHAS. W. HEYWOOD.

Pennsylvania Omega—Alleghany College, Meadville.

Pennsylvania Omega again salutes her sister chapters with ever increasing love and enthusiasm. Since our last letter we have taken a long stride. About two weeks ago it became necessary for us to send out into the cold world five men—P. C. Patterson of Cambridge, Ohio, H. C. Donworth of Oil City, Pennsylvania, F. W. McElroy of Smethport, Pennsylvania, Jno. A. Knox of Alvarado, Texas and L. A. Holeman of Mill Village, Pennsylvania. While Pennsylvania Omega grieves at having to perform such a seemingly unkind act, yet, she does not fear to do so when she remembers that the bond of our beloved order exists only for true and noble men. Fifteen men now answer at roll call, and the names of a stronger and more loyal band were never called.

This year we graduate four men: Jno. A. Gibson, A. O. McClelland, S. H. Wood, and Chas. C. Freeman, two of these holding class positions. The Chautauqua oration prize was easily captured by Bro. Jno. A. Gibson whose orating was one of true literary worth. All things bid fair for the continuing of our prosperity.

Fraternally, FRANK H. BLACKMARR.

Pennsylvania Sigma Phi—Dickinson College, Carlisle.

Our boys were very much delighted to receive the circular from Bro. Capers, announcing the recent conquests of S. A. E. in the north and south, and the east and west. We believe that

wherever a Sig may go in this broad land of ours, he should be greeted with the friendly grip of a brother. So we heartily welcome the new chapters, and would invite them and all our brothers to attend Sigma Phi's banquet during commencement week.

The coming commencement will bring this Kepn its first great loss, in the graduation of Bros. S. A. Lewis and E. L. Cross. Bro. Lewis stands in the first section of his class. He intends to study law next year; while Bro. Cross will go to his appointment in the Wilmington M. E. conference—the professorship of Latin in your correspondent's alma mater, the conference academy at Dover, Delaware. Our brother entered conference during its last session, at the head of his class. He also leaves college, *primus inter pares*.

One of our brothers, Milton S. Kistler, '94, has been absent from us this term; but we are assured of his company next fall. He is teaching a select school, preparing young men for state teacher's examinations. In this work, Bro. Kistler has already gained considerable reputation; indeed, he is obliged this year to employ an assistant.

Sigma Phi is glad to report that she has by no means taken a back seat in class and college affairs. Since our last letter, Bro. S. A. Lewis, '91, has been president of the Union Philosophical literary society, and Bro. Snyder, '94, librarian. In the Belles Lettres society, Bro. Chester N. Ames, '92, is president elect, and Bro. Alpheus M. Morgan, '94, secretary, and Bro. Herbert W. Westwood, '93, critic. Bro. Westwood has also been chosen an associate editor and the artist of Ninety-three's Junior annual. On the Students' Intermediary committee, we have Bros. S. A. Lewis, of '91, and A. M. Morgan, '94. This Intermediary committee is a novelty at Dickinson, and doubtless its name is new to most of the Sigs. It is about the same thing as the Senate, at Amherst—a medium of communication between the students and the faculty. It acts the part of the monk that shewed the two knights quarreling about the color of a sign-board, that the board was red on one side and blue on the

other. The college world needs some such a mediator. Our committee is composed of men chosen from those above the lowest section of each class—three seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and one freshman. When you reflect that there are six flourishing fraternities at Dickinson, and seven men on the committee, you will perceive that in this case S. A. E. wears “the purple and gold.”

We have just twelve in our circle now, and we all intend to get back to Carlisle early next September in order to meet the first carload of freshies as they land, friendless and forlorn at college. We expect a big crowd of them, as Pres. Reed is corresponding with over five hundred applicants.

Wishing you all a pleasant and refreshing vacation, I am,
Fraternally, JAS. T. VAN BURKALOW, JR.

Iowa Sigma—Simpson College, Indianola.

Iowa Sigma sends greetings to THE RECORD and her sister Keph's east and west. We are now no longer in a cold corner, but right in the warm current of brotherly feeling which runs through Sigdom from Colorado to the sea. We are firm in the faith as ever, and especially enthusiastic when we review the work of our chapter in the past college year. We have made an unprecedented growth in numbers and in prestige, and feel that the prospects for next year are flattering. Our boys come right to the front in everything. Nine of us have been favored with invitations to the annual banquet of the Tri Delta Sorosis. Our orator, Bro. Morley, will represent us on the Zeta-Everett joint exhibition. Your correspondent is one of the eight chosen by the literary societies to contest for the Barker oratorical medal. We have strong hopes of the senior Preparatory contest of oratory being won by a future wearer of “the purple and the gold.”

Altogether, Iowa Sigma has no news but good news. We believe the west a good field for S. A. E. and urge extension. Long live our order.

Fraternally, C. B. CHENEY.

Ohio Delta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

As we have now finished the last term of the year, nothing would be more befitting them to recapitulate our successes or failures and get our bearings so that we may know whether we have advanced or retrograded during the year and may know our prospects for the future. As for Ohio Delta she has gained some glory and not a little strength and is in a fine condition for the work in the following year. Since last fall she has had the honor of the presidency of the Athletic association. This won her much credit because through the efforts of our member, Charles Ball, the association was relieved of a debt of \$500.00 and attained an enviable reputation throughout the state. Another of our brothers, G. K. Denton, won the oratorical contest, and J. C. Roberts received the highest honors in oratory.

The *Transcript* election gave us three editors: V. O. Wilson, exchange; H. B. Weaver, alumni; J. C. Roberts, Y. M. C. A. We also obtained the presidency of the Lecture committee. The following year one of our men will be one of the editors of the "*Practical Student*." This year has been the most prosperous since the organization of Ohio Delta. She has gained more in scholarship, in honors, in society and general standing than in any previous year. We stand on such a footing now that we are able to cope with any of the nine fraternities in college. The spirit between fraternity men could not be better than it is at present. All are on the most friendly terms. The faculty look very kindly toward us and speak in terms of approval.

The fraternity spirit is not in the least waning in the Ohio Wesleyan university. On the other hand, if one is not a fraternity man it is always asked what is the reason? We are glad to note that our boundaries were enlarged this year to include the unfolding west as well as the cultured east. The more *good* chapters we have, the better are we able to cope in the college world. Ohio Delta wishes all a prosperous and happy vacation in which to gain an increase of vigor for the coming year.

Faternally, H. C. WRIGHT.

Colo. Chi—University of Colorado, Boulder.

Colo. Chi, for the first time, sends greetings to her sister chapters. Our chapter was installed April 11th by Bros. Spence and King of Denver. What we lack in numbers we make up in enthusiasm. Soon we hope to see two other flourishing chapters in Colorado to keep Chi company. Charters have already been applied for, and with Bro. Murdock at Colorado Springs, and Bros. Flood, Spence and King at Denver to oversee affairs, there is no doubt that two more chapters will be established in Colorado by next September. Chi is the frontier chapter, and might with justice lay claim to the title of the "Occident" chapter.

We look forward with considerable pleasure to the time when we should come into close communion with the other chapters of S. A. E. and immediately after our installation your correspondent wrote twenty-five letters to the chapters of which he was able to get the address. After waiting long and anxiously we at last received six in reply. These breathed a spirit of brotherly love and welcome which partly consoled the Rocky Mountain Sigs for being slighted by their other brothers. Alas, what became of the other nineteen? Do not our correspondents take enough interest in their fraternity even to take notice of the birth of their infant sister? Mr. Harry S. Bunting, the enthusiastic Sig who labored so hard to establish Chi, expressed to us his wish and advice, that we should never neglect our chapter letters to the Record or our correspondence. This advice will certainly be heeded. This communication between brothers seems to us to be one of the most beneficial and enjoyable features of fraternity life.

Chi has no reason to look back with shame on her brief career, for the greater part of the honors of the institution have fallen to her share. At the recent oratorical contest of the Philomathean society, brother Harry P. Layton took second place, being but two points below the young lady who took first prize. Mr. Layton easily secured first place on thought and composition, but a slightly defective memory caused his delivery

to lack somewhat in effectiveness, and thus the first prize slipped from his grasp.

At the last election of officers for the *Portfolio*, our college paper, there was a struggle between the Delta Tau Deltas and the Sigs, as to which fraternity should have control of the paper. Thanks to the rustling abilities of the Sigs it was decided in our favor. We elected every officer but one and that was a tie vote. As the chairman was a Delt of course he decided in favor of the Delta Tau man. There is no feeling of enmity existing between the two fraternities here, but simply a sharp rivalry, and the Delts were surprised to see what strength the new fraternity displayed. Perhaps it will arouse them to greater exertion.

Another of our brothers is president of the Philomathean literary society, while Bro. Smith carried off the prize for the best grade in mathematics last semester.

Our chapter numbers but five. But five more loyal or enthusiastic Sigs, it would be hard to find in Sigdom. Next semester we expect to initiate three of the best men in the institution, and the honor of S. A. E. will in no wise suffer if entrusted to their care.

We will lose no one by graduation for at least two years, and by that time we will undoubtedly have a strong chapter in numbers as well as in spirit. After initiating our new men next term we will have three juniors, two sophomores, two freshmen, and one senior prep. The Delta Taus, whose chapter here numbers nine men, will have one senior.

We have not belonged to Sigdom's fold long enough yet to have made arrangements for a fraternity hall, but early next semester, we will either secure one in the large new building to be erected on the campus, or else rent one in the business portion of town. We all feel that a hall will greatly strengthen the standing of our fraternity, and give us greater opportunities of brotherly intercourse and association. Delta Tau has no hall, but will probably exert herself to the utmost to secure one,

when she finds that her young and vigorous rival has taken steps in that direction.

Our officers are: Bro. Paul M. North, E. A.; Conrad Bluhme, E. D. A.; Alwyn C. Smith, E. R.; Harry P. Layton, E. C. H.; Harry McGinnis, E. C.

We hope and believe that the genuine Sig enthusiasm will take a firm foothold in Colorado, and that this, the most western state it has yet entered, will become a stronghold of S. A. E. With pride and pleasure Colorado Chi extends this her first greeting to all who wear the purple and the gold.

Fraternally, HARRY MCGINNIS.

New York Alpha—Cornell University, Ithaca.

How can you expect a new chapter like New York Alpha to step up and speak in a voice loud enough to be heard by all Sigdom? New York Alpha was founded April 22nd by Bro. E. E. Higley of Pennsylvania Omega, and is the last of twenty-eight fraternities to be established here. "Last but not least" is a saying that might be well applied to her for before she had been in existence a week she had begun to open the eyes of her older and more firmly established rivals, and to such an extent that they at once gave her the name of being a "hustler" in every sense of the word.

Bro. Higley had hardly left Ithaca before we had cornered a "Cornellian" editor and proceeded to get a place in our annual. Very few expected we would do it, but we're there just the same, and although it did take some hard work the boys are all the prouder of our success.

The next thing we did was to come down on Phi Sigma Kappa, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Upsilon and take Bro. Fernback into the fold. Delta Tau Delta opened her eyes wide one morning when Bro. Center appeared with his pin. They were quite sure they had him but they weren't "in it" when we stepped into the field.

We played our highest trump in a manner that fairly took the breath from Sigma Chi if reports are true. They wanted a house, so did we. They liked a certain house, and, strange to

say, we did too. Well, to make a long story short we were given to understand that although we came a little late we could have an option on the house in question. Whether we will take it has not been decided but we are looking for something better and are in a fair way to get it. S. A. E. is getting quite a reputation for her hustling qualities in this college. Of our new brothers a few words must be said. Bro. Oscar Henry Fernback was the first man to sign the scroll. He is a member of the freshman class and has quite a reputation for his pushing qualities and in class politics he is no unknown quantity. His home is in New York city. Bro. Harry Price Center comes from Ottawa, Ill. He belongs to the sophomore class and is a very popular young man. He is senior lieutenant in our regiment and should he continue to drill he will doubtless graduate as one of the field officers of the regiment. Bro. Danforth, the last man we initiated, comes from Buffalo and has been pursuing a post-graduate course. Of the charter members Bro. Robt. C. Matlock is from Springfield, Ill. and is a freshman. Bro. Ohlmeyer is from Hoboken, N. J. and Bro. W. A. Clarke from Toledo, Ohio. Our relations with the Greeks here has been of the most cordial nature, all extending a hearty greeting to us—Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Sigma Kappa especially so. We have no class honors to report, but next year we hope to have our share both literary and political. The material is here. S. A. E. started it to work and you can be sure of what the result is to be. As yet we have no house but as was stated we have the refusal of several and by next fall we expect to be in shape to take our pick from the barbs who enter here. Should any brother know of desirable men intending to enter here or in attendance here I wish they would communicate with me at 1638 Broadway, Toledo. While we are chronicling our success we must not fail to mention the loss of two brothers. Early in May Bro. Matlock was taken ill and shortly after left for his home. He will return in the fall and enter into the work with a new spirit. Bro. Danforth having finished his work has left for his home.

Fraternally, W. A. CLARKE.

Tennessee Nu—Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

The closing scholastic year at Vanderbilt, has been the most successful in many particulars of any since the foundation of the university. The growth and prosperity has not been sudden, but a gradual and substantial one. Its curriculum has been broadened from time to time, each department becoming more thorough and advanced, until now we have begun to feel our independence, and boast that we rank with the very best institutions of the United States.

Such enthusiasm in athletics was never known before; having well organized base ball and foot ball teams, lawn tennis association, besides glee club, state clubs, two literary societies, nine fraternities with active chapters.

We publish one weekly paper; one monthly, which is recognized as one of the leading college magazines in the United States.

The several fraternities issue annually a volume styled *The Comet*. This issue was a grand success. It embraces about two hundred pages of illustrations, college jokes, etc. We have already a share of the *esprit de corps* which is so noticable in the typical eastern college. While all this was being done, our Bro. S. A. E's were gathering their share of the laurels. Nu cannot but feel that the highest honor that can be obtained in the colleges of the south, has fallen to her lot. Bro. J. Washington Moore won the inter-state collegiate oratorical medal. The contest of six universities was held at the University of Virginia. Bro. Moore has been editor-in-chief of the *Observer* during the past year. Saunders' medal was given to Bro. Downes, for attaining the highest standing in scholarship in the academic department. He was also a valedictorian on commencement day, and was also chosen by the faculty to assist in teaching in the school of Greek. Bro. Dodson secured a speaker's place on Founder's oratorical medal. Bro. Lem. Banks did likewise on Young's medal. Bro. Spence was chosen by the societies as one of the debators at the annual contest next year, while your correspondent was elected as assistant editor of the *Observer*, for the coming session.

Yours Fraternally, R. W. CLAWSON.

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

ANN ARBOR, Mich, May 18, 1891

Dear Frater Cowan:

* * * We are gaining ground steadily. Last Saturday the Sigma Alpha Epsilon club of Michigan filed articles of incorporation with capital stock at \$10,000. We hold our first meeting Wednesday evening, when we shall complete a lease for a fine house we have been negotiating for. Iota Beta is bound to succeed. Our address next year will be Sigma Alpha Epsilon House or 46 E. Liberty street.

Yours Fraternally, EDWARD C. NICHOLS.

MUNICHEN, Germany, April 11, 1891.*Sir and Bro.:*

The bonds of Sigdom reach across the great ocean and are only strengthened by the distance. I thank you for the copy of the Record and congratulate you on its "get up" and wish you unbounded success in your work. I have lost no interest in the honor and glory of the boys "zu hause".

Frat'yly, J. W. PROVINCE.

OIL CITY, Pa., May 8, '91.*Bro. H. H. Cowan:*

Put my name down for the Record for 1891. The boys up north *must* appreciate the privilege extended to us by our warmhearted southern brothers by *all* taking the paper. I have been so busy getting ready our constitution of Pennsylvania Omega Alumni association and writing to the "boys" that I have not answered your letter before. By the way I have been elected toast master for our banquet which is to be held in Meadville, Wednesday evening June 24th 1891 at the Gable house. Would like to have you present with us and respond to the toast "The Record." Let me hear from you. We want

to make this if possible the largest crowd of Sigs ever in Pennsylvania together.

Very Fraternally,
F. H. McQUESTON, Sec. Pa. O. Alumni Ass'n.

MANHATTAN, KANSAS, April 13, 1891.

H. H. Cowan, Pittsburg Pa.: The March RECORD, sent by your kindness, revived my old pride in S. A. E. Herewith find my subscription, \$1.00. THE RECORD bids fair to take no back seat among fraternity journals. Success!

Ever your brother in S. A. E. GUY VARNEY.

ALBANY, GA. April 10, 1891.

Mr. H. H. Cowan, Ed. S. A. Record, Pittsburg, Pa. Dear Sir and Brother: Permit me to congratulate you and the fraternity at large upon the success of the last issue of THE RECORD, a copy of which I have just received. It certainly deserves the support of all true Sigs, and should have it. I have perused its contents very carefully and in doing so I experience the same gratification and pleasure which characterized my more active connection with the fraternity. I am especially pleased to note the rapid extension of our order in the north, and regret that the movement was not instituted earlier. I advocated it during my collegiate days, but little headway was made then. I expect to attend the next Convention when I will have an opportunity to become acquainted with this new element in our order, which has added so much of life and warm enthusiasm to it.

In reading your biographical sketch of Brother Thos. Chappell Cook, one of our founders, on page 35 of RECORD, I note that the statement is made by him that our fraternity was founded in 1855 instead of 1856. I am inclined to the opinion that Brother Cook is mistaken in this particular. Up to the time of the compilation of the last catalogue the fraternity at large was entirely ignorant of the time and circumstances con-

nected with the origin of our Order. In collating the data necessary for the publication of the catalogue, I had correspondence with nearly all of our living alumni, and the result of my work was the shedding of much light upon the early history of the fraternity. The facts, including dates, then ascertained, are stated correctly in the history of our fraternity to be found in the catalogue of 1886, which history was written by Brother Guerry, and based upon the information obtained as the result of our investigation, *i. e.*, so much of it as related to the early history of the fraternity. Brother N. N. Clements, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, furnished me with valuable letters and documents, during the compilation of the catalogue, from which these important facts were obtained. These, together with all other fraternity papers, letters and documents of an historical nature, were turned over to my successor, Bro. Maxcy L. John, when I resigned my position as general historian of the fraternity in 1887. I presume that Brother John has preserved them, as I consider some of them very valuable to the order.

By the way, I notice that Brother Bunting, in his article on page 39 of RECORD, gives the credit of the last catalogue to Brother A. J. Smith, of Georgia Epsilon. Whatever of credit attaches to the compilation of the data therein contained should be awarded to Georgia Beta, as she devoted two years of hard labor to the work. Brother Smith, who represented a publishing house at the time, merely took the contract to publish the book after it was completed by Beta. The entire work of compilation, just as it appears in the publication, as well as I can recollect, including arrangement, indexing, etc., was done by Beta. I merely mention this in justice to my mother Keph, whose gratuitous labors for the fraternity should not go unrewarded. Enclosed you will find my subscription order for THE RECORD. I will send you some personals for the next issue of the RECORD. With best wishes for the continued success of the RECORD, of which I am assured, I remain,

Yours in the bonds, W. E. WOOTEN.

CHATHAM HILL, Va., April 6th, 1891.

H. H. Cowan, Esq. Dear Bro:

Yours of the 1st at hand this p. m., and I herewith enclose one dollar to pay for my subscription to the RECORD, for 1891. I appreciate the RECORD very much, and intend to be one of its subscribers as long as possible. I feel that it has undergone considerable improvement since the time when its columns were first opened to me, and I believe that its upward progress is no less noticeable now. I long for the time to come when the RECORD will be the model of a fraternity magazine. I heartily approve of your plan in giving more space to our Alumni.

Yours in the Bonds, VINCENT L. SEXTON.

MANNING, S. C., April 3rd, 1891.

H. H. Cowan, Pittsburg, Pa. Dear Sir and Bro:

Yours of the 1st, duly to hand. You may place me on your list of subscribers to the RECORD, which I have always taken, and which in fact I don't see exactly how I could get on well without. Was very much pleased with the get up and reading matter of your first issue, and hope that you will receive the hearty support and co-operation of the alumni, so as to enable you to give us a journal truly representative of S. A. E. I send you postal note in my letter.

Again wishing you success in your noble undertaking, I remain,

Yours Fraternally, W. C. DAVIS.

CUTHBERT, Ga. March 28th, 1891.

John G. Capers. My Dear Bro. Sig:

The convention at Columbus, S. C. elected me Fraternity Historian. I have valuable facts in my possession, to which others ought to be added, especially such as relate to northern and western extension, changes in form of government, etc. Now, won't you, as our new E. S. A., in the next RECORD, give our northern chapters a little advice on this subject? It would draw their attention to the importance of this thing.

Whenever the work begins on the new catalogue, I will be

pleased to lend what assistance I can with the data in my possession.

Congratulate you on your election to the E. S. A. ship. Know the interests of Sigdom are now safe in your hands.

Yours in the bonds, WM. W. ELWANG.

CUTHBERT, Ga., April 1st, 1891.

John G. Capers, E. S. A. Dear Bro:

Yours of the 7th, in reply to my former note, just to hand. Let me say in addition to what I suggested, that chapters ought to be advised, on their organization, to instruct their correspondents to supply me with the data of their organization, charter members, character of institution in which they exist, etc., as all such information is important.

Glad indeed to hear of prosperity of our fraternity. Please send me a copy of minutes of last convention.

Fraternally, WM. W. ELWANG.

The above letters from Bro. Elwang, should receive prompt attention from every chapter. A full and correct fraternity history is a matter in which every member should take a deep interest.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, to remove from our chapter, one of our brightest and best loved brothers, in Thomas Neal Keely, '93, be it,

Resolved, That in his death, this chapter has suffered an irreparable loss.

That this chapter extends its most heart felt sympathy, to his mother and brothers, in this their sore affliction.

That these resolutions be spread on minutes of chapter Tau, and the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and published in S. A. E. RECORD.

Committee { E. F. JACKSON,
GEORGE FREEMAN,
ROSS HARPER.

GREEK GOSSIP.

Sigma Nu has entered Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Phi Delta has an Alumni association at Salt Lake city.

Allegheny college has an inter-fraternity base ball league.

The University of Missouri has received an endowment of \$600,000.

Theta Delta Chi will shortly issue a new song book and catalogue.

The University of Cincinnati receives a bequest from the late Matthew Thomas of \$150,000.

The Zeta Psi club house was recently raided but the members plead guilty and will not stand trial.

The grounds of the University of Virginia have recently been beautified by asphalt walks.

The Phi Delta Theta chapter at the University of California gave President Harrison a reception.

Kappa Sigma has established chapters at Butler University, Indiana and Davidson College, N. C.

From the will of the late Daniel Fayerweather, Cornell receives \$200,000 and the Univ. of Virginia \$100,000.

Mr. Frank Fetter, Phi Kappa Psi, was the winner in the inter-state oratorical contest held at Des Moines, Iowa. He is from the University of Indiana.

The students of Michigan University are working hard to raise the \$20,000 necessary to duplicate the like amount offered by Mr. Joshua W. Waterman, of Detroit toward a gymnasium building.—[*Mail & Express*.

This onward movement of the college is causing other fraternities to desire admission. Sigma Nu has consented to the founding of a chapter, and a member of the fraternity is pushing it. It is also reported that Alpha Tau Omega will certainly be with us next year.—[*Ohio State University Correspondent Beta Theta Pi*.

The Northern Oratorical Association, including representa-

tives from University of Wisconsin, Oberlin, Northwestern and University of Michigan, held its first meeting at Ann Arbor, May 1. The contest was won by A. C. Gormley of the University of Michigan, Adams of Northwestern, second. Iowa State University was admitted to the League.—[*University of Michigan Correspondent P. D. T. Shield.*

Justices Brewer and Brown, appointed to the Supreme Bench by President Harrison, are Yale men and classmates. Justice Brewer is a former member of Beta Theta Pi, *nee* Mystic Seven, at Wesleyan, but later at Yale a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Justice Brown is a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

The swell Alpha Delta Phi club of Harvard recently paid the local authorities \$1,625 in fines for maintaining a liquor nuisance. The ties that bind the Harvard club to the fraternity Alpha Delta Phi are very loose, the club taking no interest in the general fraternity. It is probable that Alpha Delta Phi will follow the example set by Delta Kappa Epsilon, and expel her Harvard chapter.

With the fraternities at Vanderbilt there is no longer any question as to whether or not chapter houses are really needed in order to gain most from Greek life. Several efforts to secure building lots upon the campus have been made by single fraternities, and last year the fraternities, as a whole, petitioned the Board of Trustees for ground for chapter houses. All these efforts have been futile. Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi, so far as I know, are the only fraternities that are working with any definite plan for the securing of chapter houses.—[*Vanderbilt Correspondent P. D. T. Scroll.*

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon boys are quiet and happy once more since their Chapter is at last organized and they are able to attend to their work in the U. Their installing officers D. W. Spence and F. Ed King of the alumni of Ann Arbor, were given a warm reception when they arrived. Their banquet at the Bowen was uninterrupted and strictly private. The new fraternity is an institution in Boulder. On the night of the

banquet, the Delta Tau's were out looking for the new Chapter with war-like intentions. They didn't find them and are now disclaiming all intentions of disturbing the banqueters—
[*The Camera*.

The Western university of Pennsylvania has thrown open the Allegheny Observatory, made famous by the brilliant researches of Prof. S. P. Langley, (now secretary of the Smithsonian Institution,) to the use of students, and has authorized the establishment of post-graduate courses in astronomical study. Prof. J. E. Keeler, the astronomer of Lick observatory, has just been called from Mt. Hamilton, to take charge of the work, in conjunction with Prof. Frank W. Very, who was for many years associated with Prof. Langley at Allegheny. Students who take this course have the advantage of studying the actual manufacture of the most perfect astronomical apparatus in the establishment of Mr. J. A. Brashear, which is adjacent to the university, and in which some of the finest instruments which have ever been made, have recently been constructed. Persons who desire information in regard to this course should correspond with W. J. Holland, Ph. D. D. D., Chancellor, Pittsburgh, Penn.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

OFFICE OF E. S. A. OF S. A. E.

My Dear Brothers:—The records in my office are encouraging and show clearly that our fraternity is growing stronger, adding new and vigorous chapters to her roll, and that up to date there has been no charter handed in, but on the contrary healthy, active work from each chapter. Since January 1st the following charters have been granted: New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca; South Carolina Gamma, Wofford college, Spartanburg; Ohio Beta; Colorado Chi, University of Colorado, Boulder; Colorado Zeta, University of Denver, Denver.

S. C. Gamma is strong and active and doing good work.

Be not weary in well doing, my brothers, the future is ours!

It is indeed a serious matter, to turn a man out of our ranks, well equipped and armed with every secret and inward working of the fraternity, and filled too, no doubt, with indignation, and oftentimes with resentment!

New York Alpha is at Cornell University, and when I add that the charter members are among the first young men in this celebrated institution, I can say no more. The University speaks for itself, the records in my office attest the merit of our men there!

S. C. Phi is now an active Chapter, and with the phenomenal success of Furman university, this Chapter of S. A. E. has grown in dignity and strength. We have entered the beautiful and wealthy state of Colorado with caution and are satisfied that the bright record of the initial Fraternity Chapters of this State will shine with no little lustre for S. A. E. The outlook for Ohio Beta is encouraging.

I feel it my duty to give a word of caution relative to the expulsion of a member from the fraternity. This step, my brothers, should be, must be, a *last resort*. Be patient, be unselfish, be loyal, be fraternal, in dealing with your fellow chapter members, and expel one only when prompted by the highest, broadest sense, and the deepest conviction of the imperative duty involved, and that any and every other means of correction or reprimand would throw positive dishonor on our pure and noble order.

A recent action of one of our most earnest chapters resulted in the expulsion of five men who have heretofore been active men, and who have done good work. These men before their expulsion, wrote me, withdrawing from the fraternity, and preferring charges against the balance of the chapter. Being a majority, the chapter expelled the aforesaid five men, and so notified me. The letter giving the official information of the expulsion, was a warm, loyal letter, but my brothers, was that sweeping step a *last resort*? If not, what a deplorable mistake

has been made! On the contrary, of course, if it was, your duty is clearly defined in the section of our law which reads: "Any member, who shall upon trial, be found guilty of base, immoral conduct, or indulging in pursuits not countenanced by polite society, upon repeated infraction, shall be expelled from the fraternity." A high sense of duty and an unselfish, broad construction of this section, should alone prompt your action, and be accompanied always, when it is necessary, by a correspondingly bold, manly and vigorous application of the law.

Our next RECORD appears in the fall, be prompt in answering the call from Bro. Cowan, our faithful editor-in-chief, when you return to college.

Faithfully yours, JOHN G. CAPERS, E. S. A.

EDITORIAL.

At the close of another college year perhaps a few words on the general state of the Order may not be out of place.

In some respects S. A. E. is in a most satisfactory condition, in others she is far from it. Her extension is satisfactorily progressing; two new states have been entered; one in the east the other in the west; in both instances the schools are of the highest grade. Ohio, the pioneer in northern extension, will soon increase her chapter roll unless dame Rumor speaks falsely.

In the south a fallen star again shines with increased lustre, and best of all there is a prospect that the banner of purple and gold will again soon wave in the place of its nativity.

In recent oratorical contests we have won second place at one state contest and third at another, in our northern providence, not a bad record considering our recent advent in this section, and in the south, the brilliant victory by our talented Bro. J. Washington Moore, at the inter-state contest, has confirmed S. A. E. in her proud title, as leader of southern fraternities.

But there is another side to the picture not so pleasing. Our

domestic affairs are not in the condition they should be. The general interests of the Order are not receiving that attention and support from the chapters that they have a right to expect.

A fraternity of the membership of S. A. E. ought not to allow any of its interests to lag for lack of support. That the Record has been hampered from that cause you all know; and you must not forget that the outside world judges S. A. E. largely through her magazine, and unless you make it truly representative of the high standing of S. A. E. you are lowering her in the eyes of others. The Record can only become what it should through the *heartly* support of the *entire* Order.

In the matter of chapter correspondence a laxity seems to have crept in in the last few years.

One of the most enjoyable features of chapter meetings to the writer was the reading of the letters from other Keph's. The office of correspondence should always be filled by the most enthusiastic member of a chapter.

It is especially important that when a new Keph comes into our ranks it should receive the words of welcome which each sister Keph feels for the newcomer, but as the letter from one of our new chapters shows, even this is neglected by a majority of the E. C's.

While there are discouragements, yet the future is bright. Each year S. A. E. is growing stronger and more influential.

That same energy and devotion which raised her shattered standard after the scourge of war had swept past, is now planting her colors in new fields and maintaining them there in all their pristine honor and sway in spite of defiant and sometimes malignant opposition.

The present enthusiasm of growth cannot fail to stimulate a greater ocity in all lines of frateanity work, for enthusiasm is contagious, and not only shall we expand but develop internally. To those chapters inclined to lag in our march of progress we must kindly but firmly point out their duty.

Record extends its heartiest welcome to Colorado Chi and New York Alpha.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the new advertisements in this issue of Roehm & Son and Wright, Kay & Co., both firms of the highest reputation. The former were appointed jewelers by the Charlotte convention. We have before us a specimen S. A. E. pin made by the latter firm which for beauty and fineness of finish cannot be excelled. In this connection let us urge that all our advertisers be patronized when purchasing goods in their respective lines.

Fraternity flags are becoming the order of the day, and S. A. E. should not be behind. Who will design a flag of purple and gold? Let someone take the matter in hand and have it ready for adoption by the next convention.

It is of the most vital importance that every chapter begin at once to accumulate a building fund. Do not wait for the alumni to start it, you can depend on their assistance when the matter once assumes a tangible, practicable shape. A good way is for each member to leave an offering of whatever amount he can afford before leaving school, or leave his note for some amount payable in five or ten years with interest. The fund once started, place it in charge of a committee of active and alumni members and see that it is diverted to no other purpose whatever. This plan adhered to, the time will come when every chapter will own its own home.

"One of the first things a young man should do is to see that he is acting his part in society. The earlier this is begun the better. I think that the opponents of secret societies in colleges have failed to estimate the benefit which it must be to every member to be obliged to contribute to the support of his particular organization, and to assume personal care and responsibility as a member. If these societies have a tendency to teach the lesson of which I speak, they are a blessed thing."

J. G. HOLLAND.

Even at this day there are a few colleges where the fraternity is debarred and valiantly opposed. The spirit of intolerance is

fast dying out, but Dr. Holland's words should do much toward removing the opposition to our fraternities which yet exists. Dr. Holland was a man who adhered steadfastly to the truth, and among his letters to young men we find the language quoted above. Clear, forcible, and logical, it appeals directly to the intellect and forms a bulwark for the defence of fraternities. It is praise from Sir Hurbert himself.—H. C. B.

The first half of this year has witnessed much of good for S. A. E. Several new chaptets have been instituted and other work has been done in this direction which will tell in S. A. E's future. But besides extension, there has been an ardent enthusiasm awakened in our old chapters and all are laboring more faithfully in the cause. Our Alumni will soon be a thoroughly enthusiastic brother; indeed, they are already. But their work and their influence will be far beyond what it has ever been heretofore. Certainly the new administration is not liable to censure; our new officials are a success, and deserve all praise for faithful work and efficient management.—H. C. B.

At last we have entered the east. N. Y. Alpha at Cornell university, Ithaca, New York, is but one of the many stars that will soon sparkle brilliantly in that part of S. A. E's firmament. With such an excellent opening more Kephs are certain to follow. With Colorado already in line, our next move will be to the Pacific slope, when we shall extend "From the billowy Atlantic on the east, to the Golden Gate on the west; from Canada and the Lakes on the north, to Mexico and the Gulf on the South, where empties the Father of Waters." Truly the outlook for S. A. E. is bright and full of promise.—H. C. B.

We acknowledge handsome invitations to attend S. C. Phi's picnic at Paris mountain, and the annual banquet of the state association of Texas.

Delightful affairs both of them, if the invitations are any index and we deeply regret our inability to be present.

In the last Record we spoke of the advisability of each chapter getting out a circular letter giving a full account of itself at least once a year, to be mailed to every alumnus of the chapter, to the officers of the fraternity and to other chapters. Tenn. Zeta stole a march on the Record by publishing just such a letter in advance of our advice.

The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, for June, has this to say of S. A. E.

The following explains itself: " 'One of the most recent results of the northward rush of southern fraternities is the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Grove City college. * * * Short, though brilliant, was this chapter's young career. Nipped in the bud by the stern manifesto of an unappreciative faculty, all the members were unceremoniously expelled on the morning of their appearance, and three of them afterwards repaired to Allegheny college and joined the chapter there.'—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly for April*.

'The local chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon here, on behalf of the general fraternity, wishes to characterize the above as a malicious falsehood, published for the purpose of injury. * * * So long as such dirty mud slinging artifices are resorted to for the purpose of injuring more successful rivals, all true Han-Hellenism must remain on the theoretical side of the fence.'—*Allegheny College Campus*.

There *was* a fraternity in Grove City college last year, and as the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* asserts, it was a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Moreover, as the *Quarterly* states, it was brought from the south. It was organized a year ago this spring and the organizer is now at Allegheny college. This man was an old hand at the business, having previously organized a chapter of the same frateanity at St. Vincents, for which he received a handsome cash consideration. He also made his fraternity work here pay in a financial way. This chapter numbered upwards of twenty members. The gentleman who introduced the fraternity here has, however, refused to enter it at Allegheny college, possibly because it conflicts with his religious (?) views. Although the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* would not be supposed to have such a good opportunity to gather the facts as the *Campus*, yet it seems to have the more accurate information."—*Grove City Collegian for May*.

The *Quarterly* is not in the habit of publishing "malicious falsehoods." When an error creeps into our columns we are always ready to correct it, but such statements as the one in question we do not publish hastily and can always substantiate by proofs. We have direct assurance on the best authority that the item from the *Collegian* is correct. Seen in this light, the squib from the *Campus*, written as it was by a member of S. A. E., at Allegheny, appears ridiculous to say the least. The author should scrutinize his own record for veracity before accusing others.

After reading the above, we were obliged to look at the name of the *Quarterly's* editor twice before we could convince ourselves that it was not Ananias.

We would fain believe, editor Howe has been imposed upon for a more groundless falsehood never appeared in print.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has never heard of an application, nor considered the granting of a charter to Grove City college.

Circumstances make strange bed-fellows, and the *Quarterly* calls to its assistance the organ of "a monohippic institution of learning located somewhere."

What the *Collegian* has to say, is no surprise to us—considering its prompter, for we have heard the wild vagaries of a barbarian, discoursing learnedly on Greek affairs before, but what does surprise us is, that any fraternity magazine should publish such a "cock and bull story" in any except its humorous column.

The tale is too ridiculous to merit a serious thought, and its bearer deserves to become common laughing stock.

The following letter from Bro. Gibson, explains why it finds a place in the *Quarterly*:

We do not believe in fraternity mud-slinging. For this reason our chapter letters have been pure and clean. Although rival chapters here have made unjust attacks, we have always pursued the policy of remaining silent, and letting our true worth kill the slanderous assaults of enemies. The limit of tolerance seems, however, to have been reached in the last edition of The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*. The following are the facts in the case:

Penn. Omega *did* initiate some very desirable men from Grove City college, men whom Phi Gamma Delta *did not* initiate only because she *could not*.

The reasons for the publishing of such a statement by Phi Gamma Delta, are many and obvious. To get at the matter historically, let us quote the following from the chapter chronicles of 1887, written by Bro. Boush, when the chapter was about three months old:

"We have won the respect and esteem of every chapter in Allegheny, excepting Phi Gamma Delta, which still remains hostile to us. This chapter has for some years back, with a *hoggishness* peculiar to itself, been able with the aid of the 'Barbarians,' to appropriate the 'lion's share' of honors, and, knowing that the establishment of another "Greek" fraternity, would materially lessen their chances for so doing, they have regarded us with jealous and hostile feelings."

Nothing could conform closer to the facts than this statement of Bro. Boush. And just exactly what Phi Gamma Delta feared *has taken place*. Pa. Omega of Sigma Alpha Epsilon this year has taken *two* honors for every *one* gained by Phi Gamma Delta, and everything that Phi Gamma Delta has gotten, she was *compelled to beg* from Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The "Sigs" got orator, essayist and poet of the senior class. The 'Phi Gams' got *one* petty office. The Sigs have the editor-in-chief of our college paper, *The Campus*. The Sigs elected two men on inter-society contest, desirable positions here at Allegheny. The 'Phi Gams' got *none*. The Sigs received *two* positions on the "Senior Ten" for commencement exercises. The 'Phi Gams' got *one*. The Sigs have won one oration contest this year, and received second place on another, and stand excellent chances of winning one or two essay contests. The Phi Gamma Deltas have not even *entered competition* for a single literary prize this year. Truly the fears of former days are being realized.

Now Mr. F. C. Howe, a Phi Gamma Delta alumnus of 1888, is editor-in-chief of the *Quartely*. He sees how rapidly Sigma Alpha Epsilon is rising, and it is rather vexatious to his soul and this enormous, malicious falsehood in connection with Grove City college is sprung on the Greek world, to retard Sigma Alpha Epsilon's rapid and glorious march of progress. His slander falls ineffective. Penn. Omega has risen remarkably in Allegheny, and her future journey lies along the same paths of advancement.

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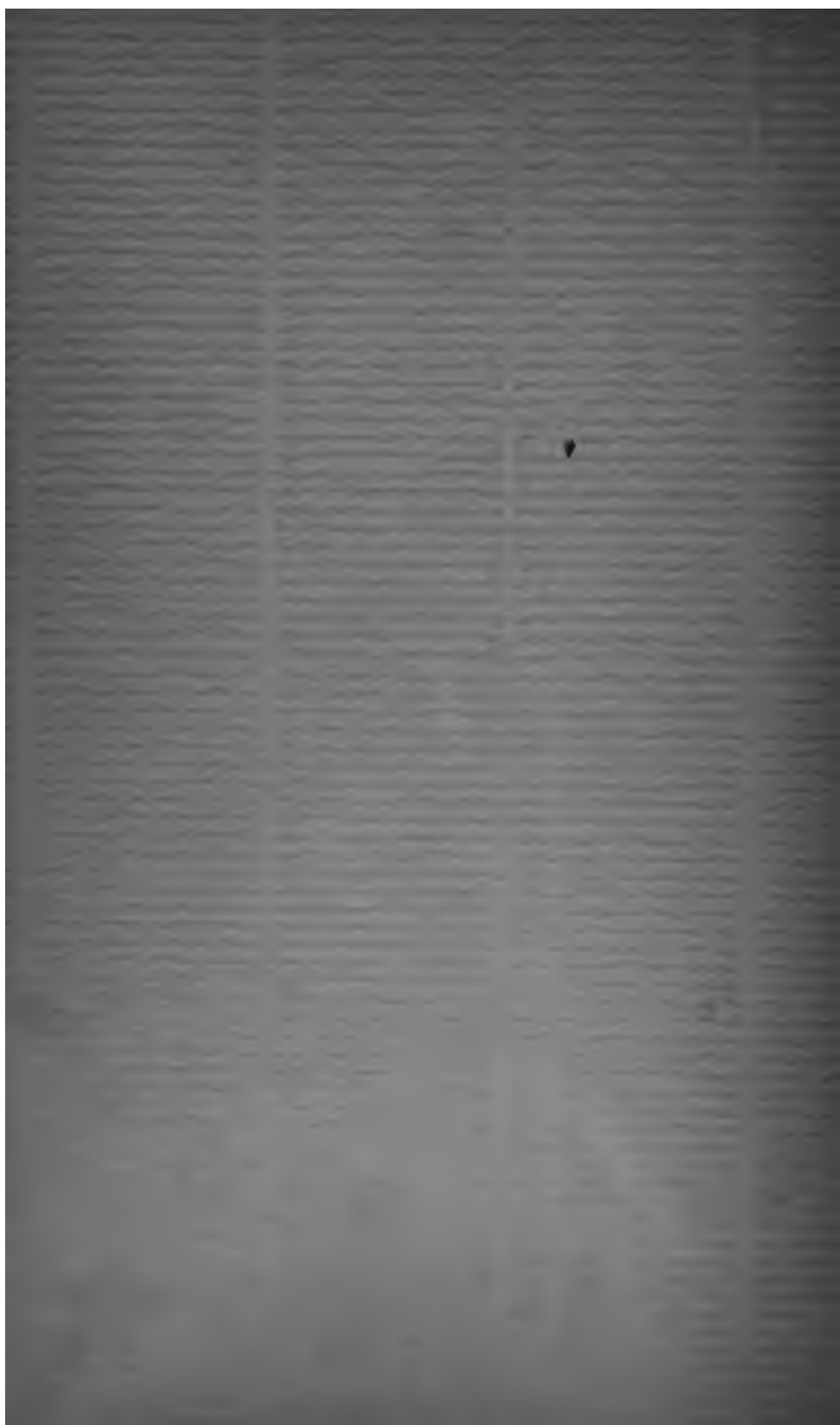
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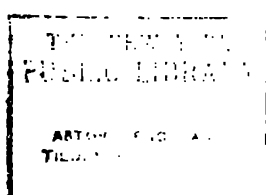
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TUNE: "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground."

1. We are gathered to-night in our own dear hall,
So dear in the days of yore;
And we recall those happy hours
With men whose work is o'er.

CHORUS. Sleeping are the boys we remember to-night,
Whom we loved in days of yore;
Silent are their forms now hidden from our sight,
Their work on earth is o'er,
Sleeping to-night,
Sleeping to-night,
Weary hearts are now at rest;
Sleeping to-night,
Sleeping to-night,
Weary hearts are now at rest.

2. Forgotten ne'er those boys shall be,
There lives are with us still;
An open book from which we read
That joys their souls now thrill.

Chorus.

3. We know that they have gone above
Where pain is all unknown;
And let us strive to find their Love,
And live for that alone.

Chorus.

4. Enshrined in loyal hearts they live,
Though voices loved be stilled;
Yet while we know they're safe at home,
Each breast with sorrow's filled.

Chorus.

*Written in memory of Bros. Ed. A. Carr and Elmer H. Stanley, of Ohio
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HON. B. T. KIMBROUGH.

Bradley Thomas Kimbrough, the distinguished gentleman whose likeness appears in this issue, was born in the State of Tennessee in the year 1846. The death of his mother when he was but six years of age, left him without that home training so necessary to a boy's first years, and which ought always to tell on his after life. Notwithstanding that fact, he seems to have caught, at that early age, the spirit of education; for we find him, at the beginning of the war of 1861-5, industriously engaged in educating himself at a boarding school.

In 1863 he entered the Confederate army and participated in every important engagement of his regiment until the close of the war. His record was that of a valiant soldier, fearless and uncomplaining wherever duty called him. On one occasion his horse was killed from under him, and while in a light engagement at Athens, Tenn., he received a very painful wound, which rendered him incapable of duty for four months.

He was paroled at Washington, Ga., May 11, 1865, returned to the ranks of civil life and re-entered school, where he remained two years. This was at Georgetown College, Ky. After the close of his school years, in 1867, he came at once to Ripley, Miss., and entered upon the study of law—his chosen profession—in the office of Davis & Hammond, two able practitioners, both of whom were afterwards promoted to the bench.

Young Kimbrough was admitted to the bar at Ripley, the following year; but, instead of offering for practice at once, he continued his studies and took a course in the law department of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., where he was graduated in 1869.

At this latter place he joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, becoming—as he has ever since continued—one of its most zealous and worthy members.

In order to give himself better preparation for his life-work, and to obtain necessary finances, he taught in the public schools

while preparing for Lebanon, and also for five months after his graduation from that school.

He entered upon the practice of law at Ripley, Miss., in 1870. But soon after that the new county of Benton was created in Mississippi, and he located at Ashland, its county town, just eleven days after the organization of the new county. He was the first representative of the county in the Legislature—1872-3, and was one of the few democrats of that body, which was composed largely of the newly-enfranchised slaves. He made a splendid record as a legislator, and did much to lay the foundation for purging the state of the misrule of the negroes and carpetbaggers.

At the conclusion of this short service to the State, he began to devote himself exclusively to his profession, doing the leading practice at the Ashland bar for fourteen years, and never offering for office again until in 1884, when he was appointed, by Governor Robert Lowry, Chancellor of the Second District of Mississippi, composed of the counties of Benton, LaFayette, Marshall, Pontotoc, Tippah, Union and Yalobusha.

Soon after his appointment he moved to Oxford, LaFayette County, his present home. At the close of his term in 1888, he was reappointed by Governor Lowry. But, before his second term began, the Legislature reduced the chancery districts of the state from eleven to six, and his district was one of the five merged by that legislation. He practiced law for two years; but, in 1890, upon the death of Chancellor Hall, he was appointed Chancellor of the Third District by Governor John M. Stone, which position he now holds. His appointment by two governors, over several worthy opponents, evidences the good esteem in which he is held by the members of the bar and the people.

Judge Kimbrough is very fond of literature and literary pursuits, having just about completed, with his estimable and devoted wife, the Chautauqua four years' course of reading.

He joined the Baptist Church in 1866, and was recently ordained a deacon of the same—which office he prizes as the

highest honor of his life, the duties of which he considers himself least fitted to perform. Since early in life he has been a zealous and prominent mason, having taken the degrees of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. He presided for a number of years over both the subordinate lodge and the chapter to which he belonged. In 1884 he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi, and in that year represented that body in the Triennial at Denver, Col. In 1886 he was Grand Master of Masons of Mississippi.

His home in Oxford is a delightful one, and he has a happy family, consisting of his wife and six children, with whom he spends much of his time, and who join him in acknowledgments to a gracious Providence for His bountiful goodness.

Miss. Gamma.

PHIL A. RUSH.

HON. JAMES OLDHAM.

Hon. James Oldham was born in Lauderdale county, Tenn., in the year 1848. His boyhood days were spent quietly at his home and were uneventful. His first advanced studies were under the charge of a Mr. Jas. Byars, who conducted a high school at Covington, Tenn.

After completing the full course of study at this institution, he, like so many young men of the present day, anxious to rush at once into life's activities, let pass the college course, and entered the law department of Cumberland university.

It was here that he became identified with chapter Lambda of S. A. E., and proved to be one of her most enthusiastic members.

He was graduated with the class of '70 with highest honors, being valedictorian of his class.

In Jan., 1871, he began the practice of law at Ripley, Tenn., where he has since resided.

As a token of the high esteem in which he is held in his native county, and in acknowledgment of his professional ability, he

was elected in 1887, to a seat in the legislature, which he filled with distinction.

At the expiration of his term he retired to private life and the practice of his profession, in which he is still winning laurels.

In 1874 he married Miss Cora Richardson, which happy union has been blessed by four living children.

OUR TRIBUTE.

Dear S. A. E. the fondest of mem'ries
Are clustering 'round thy bright name.
I have turned to thee oft' in my moments of leisure
To dwell on the pleasures which came
Unbidden, uncalled, to my mind, when far distant,
While away from my brothers in thee;
Thou'rt a pleasant remembrance, a joy not forgotten,
I love thee, dear old S. A. E.

Thou hast in thy being no semblance of sorrow,
But peace and contentment and joy;
I find in thee ever, when dark grows the pathway,
A pleasure which naught can destroy.
Live on, growing brighter and brighter than ever,
Wherever we Sigmas may be;
Live on, giving courage to many a brother
Who loves thee, dear old S. A. E.

Yes, dark though the pathway may be in our sorrow,
We turn, all discouraged, to thee;
We look through the clouds, which o'er us are gathering;
All sorrows and sadness then flee.
Live on in thy mission, bind strong hearts together,
May we e'er find a pleasure in thee;
Live on, ever gladd'ning the hearts of thy foll'wers,
Who love thee, dear old S. A. E.

Ohio Sigma, 1890.

H. C. BURGER.

OUR DEFUNCT CHAPTERS.

Mr. Wm. Raymond Baird, in his book on American college fraternities, shows that out of the charters granted by our fraternity, since her foundation, thirty-three have either been surrendered or withdrawn. Since the publication of the book, great changes have been made in the order. Old chapters have been revived and new ones formed, but still the number of dead chapters remains the same. It is a fact which very few of our men know, but nevertheless a fact, that our fraternity has more dead chapters, by seven, than any other fraternity. Delta Tau Delta comes next with twenty-six, while Chi Phi and Phi Gamma Delta take third place with twenty-three each.

The war either destroyed or reduced to secondary grade most of the institutions in which S. A. E. chapters were instituted, and "after that time, the work of extension was rapidly, and in many instances recklessly, carried on, chapters being placed in institutions of secondary instruction and inferior grade." Thus the reason why we have so many defunct chapters is partly on account of our own haste and recklessness, and partly because of circumstances over which we could not possibly have any control.

This state of affairs is distressing to every zealous Sig; and his earnest desire is to remedy the evil, as far as possible, by resurrecting, where it is expedient, every chapter which is now consigned to the fraternity graveyard. To go about the work intelligently and enthusiastically, it will be necessary for the brothers to know the colleges which, at one time or other, have been represented by our fraternity, and now should have chapters of our order.

At the beginning of the war, the fraternity had established fifteen chapters. They were scattered over the states of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Texas and Louisiana, with one chapter in the District of Columbia. All of the chapters, except the one of Columbian university,

were killed by the war. Since then seven of these have been revived, but only four are now living. The chapter at the University of Alabama was revived in 1886, but has again ceased to live; the chapter at Union university only lived two years after she was re-chartered; the chapter at Columbian university was returned in 1869; while the chapter at the Kentucky Military institute, after many reverses, finally sent in her charter in 1887. Some of the institutions are not of sufficient importance to warrant our entering them again, but there are others which demand our attention.

The whole fraternity desires to see old Mu once more among the chapters of the fraternity. The University of Alabama is one of the finest equipped institutions of the South, and offers every facility to one desiring to obtain a liberal education. She now has five fraternities in her midst, and every one has a large membership. Yet, if we could initiate a few fine young men in the freshman class, I think we could hold our own.

William and Mary college and Hampden-Sydney college in Virginia and Columbian university, are inviting fields; the more so because in placing chapters in these institutions, we will enter where our influence has been felt. Then there is Centenary college, in Louisiana, which should be considered. Kappa Sigma has a chapter here and it is also likely that there will be room for us if we try to enter. This ends the list of chapters established before the war which it would be advisable to revive.

Of the chapters established since the war, and afterwards becoming extinct, I will first mention Georgia Epsilon, situated at Emory college, Oxford, Ga. In this institution were educated some of our greatest men. She is the *Alma Mater* of Judge L. Q. C. Lamar and the late L. L. Smith, Sr., ex-president both of Emory and the Southern university. It is not right to let a college which turns out such men as this grand old institution has on her roll, go without a chapter of our fraternity. Then come Central university, Richmond, Ky., North Georgia State college, College of Charleston, Richmond college, Southwestern university, Georgetown, Tex., and lastly Pennsylvania college.

These are institutions which at one time have nurtured chapters of our fraternity, and in grade and equipment are sufficient to warrant our re-entering them. If these institutions had never had chapters of our fraternity, it would be to our advantage to enter them, and since they have had chapters, it makes it our duty.

The work of re-establishing chapters seems to me to be the most important of all work before the fraternity. It is important that we should extend our boundaries over the north and west; over the west especially, in order that we may grow up with the colleges. But nothing demands our attention in so pre-eminent a degree as the reviving of our dead chapters.

Ala. Iota, '91.

EUGENE L. CRAWFORD.

THE SOLID SOUTH.

The advances which Sigma Alpha Epsilon has during the last decade made into the regions, before unvisited, of the north and west, have in them something of the phenomenal. A systematic invasion has been made on the territory of some of our strongest rivals in the north, and now in ten staunch institutions we "divide the spoils with the proud" in their peculiar territory.

And now that the invasion of the north, decreed by the Nashville convention, has been successfully accomplished, we think we may with profit take time to give a glance at the condition of our order as it exists in the southern states.

The south is *our* peculiar region. None dare dispute it with us. But are we holding our own in Dixie? Advances are undoubtedly being made there, but are they such as are worthy of the reputation of our fraternity for energetic extension; or, are they merely the result of natural growth? In other words: has the work done in outside fields been performed with energy remaining over after needed work at home has been accomplished; or, has all the vital force of the fraternity been

devoted, for the last ten years, to the work of northern and western extension?

The question was suggested to us by an old copy of *THE RECORD*, in which we noticed with surprise chapter letters from several prominent southern institutions where now we have no representation. It would seem that many of our former strongholds have either surrendered to the enemy, or struck their flags to that more dangerous foe, indifference. We from the far north sound the warning note to you.

The object of this writing is to present a plea for southern extension and unification. We feel as deep an interest in the welfare of our order in the land of flowers as in the country of the snow-storm and blizzard. But our interest is not entirely unselfish. The welfare of the fraternity in the northern states depends in a great degree on its standing in the south, and from this interest we now appeal to you to make our rule, "below the line," supreme. Every dead chapter should be revived, if the institution be a worthy one. This would not be hard to accomplish—not nearly so hard as the founding of a northern chapter. In the first place, the name itself is well-known there, and known to be a worthy one. Then, too, you are near the field of action, and are surrounded in every state by a large body of alumni on whom to call for assistance. And of the dead chapters none deserves more immediate attention than Ala. Mu—the old mother chapter. The fraternity should by all means enter the University of Alabama within the next nine months—and that, too, not as before, with a weak chapter and gloomy prospects, but in a manner befitting our strength. We are glad to see that the eyes of Tenn. Zeta are already turned in that direction; and nothing short of a glorious success will be characteristic of that chapter. There are many other dead chapters equally worthy of resurrection. Mu was mentioned because it has peculiar claims on our attention. You who are near the others will surely see your opportunity.

The same opportunity is present as regards southern extension. It is not the north alone that needs to be invaded, nor is the

west the only land of promise. Southern institutions of learning are keeping apace of the march of material prosperity. New ones are constantly being established; old ones are being endowed. With our present prestige we would find no difficulty in entering them all. If all the chapters on the field of action would make "a long pull, and a strong pull, *and a pull all together*, it would soon be almost literally true, that the true Sig. might mount to the dome of his college hall and see the purple and gold flying from the flag-staff of every neighboring institution. That is what we mean by "The Solid South."

But let it not be supposed that we advocate the founding of a chapter in any inferior institution. Far from it! We have had too much experience of that kind in the past. There are too many colleges and universities of high standing where our name is hardly known to begin by entering low-grade schools.

The result we have been advocating can only be brought about by work. Much of that work must of necessity be done by the southern chapter. The vision is not a day dream, and, if it be accomplished, great results will follow. No more surely does that great party move to victory in the field of politics, when "The Solid South" is at her back, than will Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the fraternity world, if the same support be assured her.

There is now no pressing need in the north. Extension will still be carried on there by the chapters of Province D. Several chapters will, doubtless, be established there and in the west within the next scholastic year. Those already founded are strong and hearty. Iota Beta at the University of Michigan is now incorporated, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The young Cornell chapter already talks confidently of a chapter-house in the near future. Even should it fail to materialize, the effort which its earnest members promise to make will tend to make the chapter a strong one. Colorado Chi, at the University of Colorado, proves its zeal and energy by the promise of a chapter at a neighboring institution which is already attaining great prominence. At Mt. Union and Ohio Wesleyan we are

firmly established. We are at the University of Cincinnati to stay, as all who visited the convention will admit. Mich. Alpha at Adrian opened the year decreased in numbers, but closed it at her old place—on top. Iowa Sigma speaks to us regularly through THE RECORD, and tells of health and prosperity. At the University of Missouri and Bethel college we have fair-sized chapters, and though our information concerning them is not as complete as of the other chapters of our province, yet we know them to be in a healthy state. In the east Omega of Alleghany, after having a year of varied experiences, first doing the order at large a noble service, and then passing through the deep waters of domestic trouble—again stands on the solid ground, and promises great things for the future. Further east, at “Old Dickinson,” is Sigma Phi. She is only a year old, but she fears no comparison. With a round dozen strong members she holds the field in the face of her six rivals, asking no favors, fearing no opposition.

Such are the chapters of Province D. Such, we hope, are all the other chapters.

Let us make the coming year a memorable one. Let it mark the revival of our best dead chapters, and the founding of many new ones. Work is what will do it, and the only thing. The writer does not believe in “gush.” It never established a new chapter or revived a dying one. We as college students claim to feel a deep interest in our fraternity. That interest should prompt us to labor in her behalf. The labor is honorable and manly. The fraternity stands to the college student in precisely the same light as does the more general secret society to the man of the world. Its secrets may be less deep, and its rites not so impressive, but some of us will afterwards find out that many secrets are not so awful as they appear, and that a cloak of impenetrability is in many cases the real substance of a deep mystery. The fraternity does much for a man in college. It takes the place of home and relatives. In after life its influence still follows him. How many men have had offered them professorships and positions

of honor and trust, simply on account of their fraternity relations. It is only just that the student should repay this debt by earnest labor in behalf of the organization around which twine the most pleasant memories of the days of his college life. Let us, then, join all hands and, by increased activity along every line of fraternity work, make this the most prosperous year our order has ever known. With best wishes to every chapter for a year of prosperity and increase, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Pa. Sigma Phi.

CHESTER N. AMES.

SOUTH CAROLINA MU.

The premier county of South Carolina was christened Abbeville, after Abbeville of France. Beautifully nestling among the hills and groves of the north-west is the lovely village of Due West, in which is located Erskine college, a denominational institution, under the fostering care of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church.

In 1860 the Sigma Chi fraternity established her Pi chapter, which was killed by the war. The Rainbow established a chapter in 1872, which was killed by the faculty in 1883. Kappa Alpha established her Mu chapter in 1883, which is still in a good condition.

In October, 1884, J. H. Pressly, A. T. Hamilton, W. O. Brice and G. P. Neel, the latter two having declined urgent invitations from other fraternities, consummated a local organization. G. P. Neel was elected president, W. O. Brice secretary. We worked with determination, and united with us in the order named W. P. Lowry, D. G. Phillips, H. H. Robinson, J. C. Douglas, R. G. Brice and R. G. Peoples, all of whom refused invitation from other fraternities. We were now ten strong—equal in number to any kindred organization, and were composed, as we had every reason to suppose and as the faculty told us later, of the “flower of the college.” After

careful, thoughtful and deliberative consideration, we unanimously resolved to ask admission to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

On the night of November 24, the quiet of our peaceful little village was disturbed by the presence of W. D. Douglas, of South Carolina Delta, who was to unfurl to the breeze the "purple and gold." He admitted to the "arcana" of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, W. O. Brice, D. G. Phillips, A. T. Hamilton, J. C. Douglas, R. G. Brice and G. P. Neel. The officers of local organization were elected to corresponding places in the infant chapter. On December 4th, we made brothers the remaining members of the local fraternity. Only a few months respite we knew, during which time we perfected organization and united with us J. M. Garrison, C. A. Teague, G. E. McCelvey and J. W. Lowry.

The faculty having ascertained our existence—we were "sub rosa"—how I hate those words!—they mean wood-piles, pine thickets, window-climbing,—but "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant"—ordered us to disavow membership. In open meeting (those only can appreciate who are accustomed to secret conclave, with blocks of wood for seats, canopy of heaven for covering, moon and stars for lights, or some dining-room with dim, flickering candle or smoking lamp) we resolved to appeal from the decision of the faculty to the board of trustees, and bound ourselves to meet no more until the trustees should speak. Among our number were a few young George Washingtons, so we did not meet. A committee, consisting of R. G. Peoples, J. H. Pussly, W. O. Brice, C. A. Teague, A. T. Hamilton, with the E. A. ex-officio chairman, was also appointed to formulate appeal, debate the matter with trustees, and manage the affairs of the chapter. A sub-committee, consisting of G. P. Neel, J. H. Pussly, and R. G. Peoples, was appointed to draft a set of resolutions to lay before the trustees. We drew up what we considered a strong paper, and appointed R. G. Peoples to represent us at the meeting of the trustees. The trustees assented to our request, and on the following night we badged R. H. Henderson.

After touching remarks and general "boo-hoo-ing" of fraters, we adjourned, J. H. Pussly and myself to meet as active members no more. Who would attempt to estimate the influence for good that resulted from those assembled fifteen during the darkness of the midnight hour, when often the still silence was unbroken save by a sob of a too sympathetic member; when we communicated by means of thoughts, not words; when heart spake to heart and spirit to spirit?

"Oh, happy love! when love like this is found!
 Oh, heartfelt rapture! bliss beyond compare!
 I've paced much this weary, mortal round,
 And sage experience bids me this declare—
 If heaven a draught of heavenly pleasure spare,
 One cordial in this melancholy vale,"
 'Tis when youthful, loving associates,
 Each for others' welfare fondly prays,
 And hearts, though many, in unison beat,
 While heavenly thoughts are breathed upon the midnight air."

But they have all dispersed and wandered far away. But there is not one, wherever found, who has not found a tear for Mu, a loyal wish for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a dollar for THE RECORD, and a prayer for the betterment of humanity.

Thus culminated the first year of our existence—a perfected organization, removal of college restrictions, a membership of fifteen, all as loyal as eternity.

The collegiate year of 1885-6 opened propitiously for Mu. Thirteen brothers answered to their names. Soon after opening of college the chapter chronicled the loss of C. A. Teague, who left college on account of illness in family. The initiates during the year were T. H. Childs, J. E. Brown, R. B. Wilson, W. O. Sample. At close of commencement exercises R. G. Peoples, having graduated, took his leave of chapter.

The year 1886-7 found the chapter in excellent condition, notwithstanding the loss of many members who did not return to college, and the loss of C. E. McCelvey, who entered the University of Texas, and C. A. Douglas, who began his career as a planter. During the year the following were made S. A. E.'s:

P. W. Moffatt, W. W. Bradley, J. C. Brice, S. J. Browley, J. F. Browley. At the close of the collegiate year D. G. Phillips, H. H. Robinson and W. L. Lowry bid adieu to college days.

During the balmy days of the autumn of 1887, the members of Mu again assembled in their hall to battle for the honors of Minerva. During the year they united with them H. R. Murchison, W. C. Brice and M. T. Coleman. Nothing occurred to disturb the "cool sequestered way of the chapter's life," until the last meeting of the year, when R. G. Brice, the last charter member of Mu, amid a large concourse of brothers, active and alumni, bade his associates good bye. Never sustained a chapter greater loss.

The year 1888 and 1889 found seven fraters in college, but for some reason, perhaps to be in harmony with decaying nature, they decided to return to Supreme council Mu's charter and to increase the population of our silent city. T. S. Mell then E. S. A., leaves this record of Mu: "When South Carolina Mu fell, a bright star disappeared from our firmament. Though only a few years old, Mu had been one of the most faithful and efficient chapters on our roll. She never shirked any duty, dodged any responsibility, or lacked for zeal. The sons of Mu may well be proud of her record."

Total membership of Mu by states represented: South Carolina, 15; North Carolina, 5; Georgia, 3; Tennessee, 2; Mississippi, 1; Texas, 1.

Professions represented: Theology, 4; law, 3; medicine, 3; mercantile, 6; planters, 4; pedagogics, 4; mining, 1; railroading, 1.

Erskine next year will clothe herself with a beautiful modern garment, at a cost of thirty thousand dollars; her endowment fund has been largely augmented; the number of students are yearly increasing. Shall not the grave that contains Mu be called upon to give up its dead? Shall not the star whose ever welcome light we miss, yet rise and shine in Sigma's sky with a light not born to die?

GEO. P. NEIL.

South Carolina Mu.

SHALL WE ENTER SMALL COLLEGES?

This is a question that has many sides to it, and admits of almost unlimited argument. Some say, "Enter the large colleges and let the smaller ones alone," and *vice versa*. But there is a more conservative course. Why not enter any good college where there are men that we would be glad to hail as brothers? There are thousands of splendid men who would be glad to step inside the mystic portals that are hung with the curtains of purple and gold. And many of those men are in colleges that some think it would lower the standard of S. A. E. to enter.

A chapter at a large college helps the standing of the fraternity in the eyes of the "barbarians," but can't just as good men be found at the smaller institutions where S. A. E. will not deign to enter? We cannot afford to waste time waiting to enter the larger institutions, where there are perhaps several fraternities already established, and have a stronger hold upon the students than S. A. E. would have for some time; and therefore I advocate entering the smaller institutions, but *keeping our standard high*. Any fraternity will soon go to ruin if it begins to take in men indiscriminately. Still, I do not advocate the entering of preparatory schools, or of taking in any of the "knee-breeches brigades," but to enter the colleges of lesser note; at the same time enter the larger colleges if possible.

Plant new chapters and bend all your energies to make them successful. Enter where good men are, and where chapters can be maintained. I believe sincerely in keeping the standard high, but not too high, for paragons are very scarce.

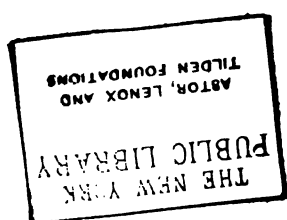
To sum up my ideas in a few words: If there is a comparatively small college, where there is good material for S. A. E., then I say enter, and if there is good material and willing hearts and hands in a large college, enter; but by all means keep the standard of men high, the stock pure, and thus our fraternity will spread over this country, and there will be time to speak of letting "The limits of our growth be only the nation's boundary."

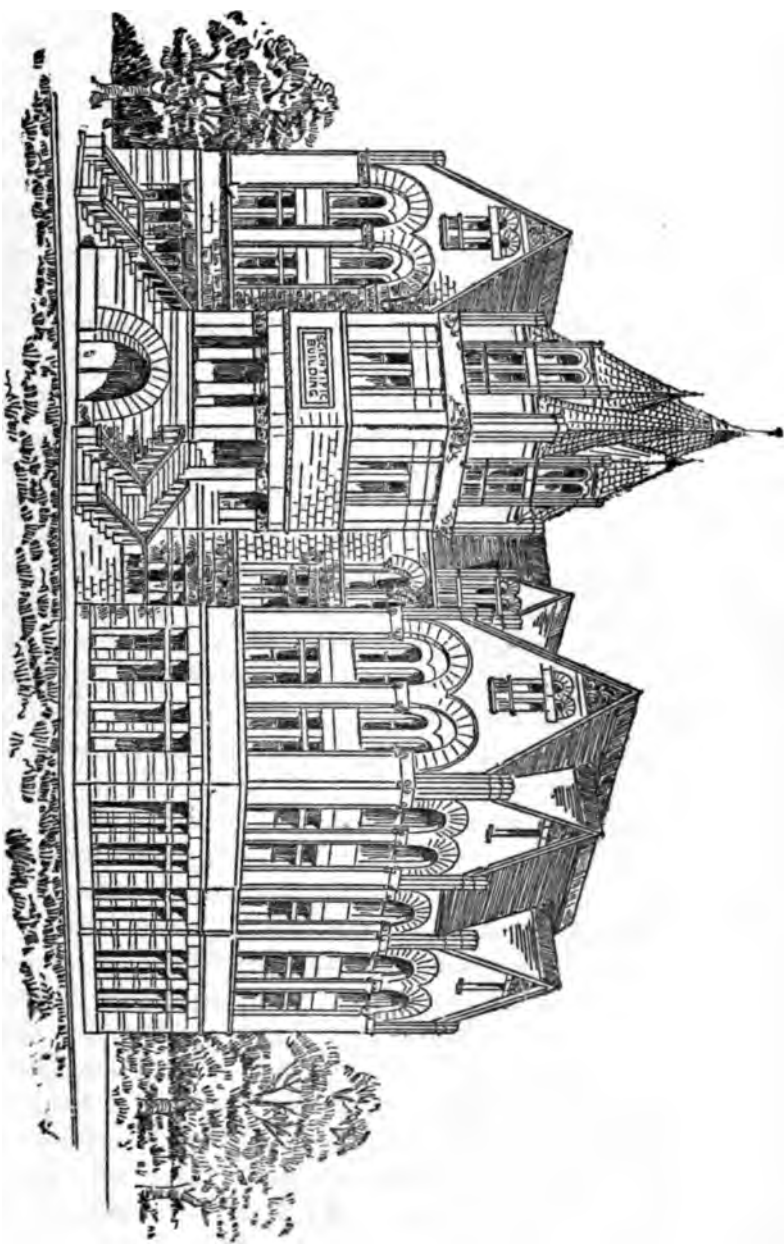
GARRARD G. HARRIS.

Ga. Beta.



CORNELL UNIVERSITY. ITHACA, N. Y.





NEW SCIENTIFIC HALL, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.
This magnificent building is now in course of construction, and will cost, when completed, over \$80,000, and will be devoted to the
Physical, Mathematical and Biological Departments.

EXTENSION.

Were I asked if I favored a policy of extension for the fraternity I should answer most emphatically, yes; were I asked if I favored the plan of extension that our order has too often followed, and which some chapters seem to cling to with a stronger hold than ever, I should answer most emphatically, no.

Much of our so-called extension has been no extension at all, but merely the creation of an infant to fill an early grave. That our policy of extension has often been characterized by rashness can hardly be denied. We believe it is admitted that Sigma Alpha Epsilon has more dead chapters than any other prominent fraternity in the college world. That this in a great measure is due to our lack of caution in establishing new chapters is undoubtedly true. A fraternity's strength or greatness is not measured by the number of chapters it can establish in a year. Yet this seems to be the aim of some of our over-enthusiastic chapters. It does really seem that some of our chapters would cast their vote for the establishment of a chapter at any college in the land, at any time, and with any number of charter members, no matter how small.

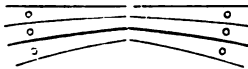
We have never attended a meeting of any other chapter than our own when an application for a charter was being considered, but we imagine that the application is scarcely read before the vote of the chapter is cast for the granting of the charter. If only one more chapter can be added to our roll they are satisfied, no matter where it may be, how large it may be, or how long it may be expected to live, if only it can be established.

The writer's chapter, S. C. Delta, has been and is among the conservatives on the extension question. She says: "Extension by all means, but no recklessness." We have not examined the records to see, but we venture the assertion that of all the chapters that have been established and have died within the last

four or five years, the vote of S. C. Delta was cast against the establishment in the majority of cases. Of course we cannot always foretell coming disaster, but we can certainly use a little more caution along this line in the future than we have done in the past.

The chapters that advocate this reckless extension (?) are, we doubt not, actuated by the best motives and are striving for the good of the fraternity, but allow their zeal to carry them too far. Let us have this subject discussed at the Augusta convention.

F. C. W.



EDITORIAL.

Ere these lines reach the chapters, many new brothers will have donned our royal colors. To them we wish to say, an honor has been conferred upon you in your election to membership in S. A. E. Prove yourself worthy of that honor by striving to attain to those noble precepts of our order set forth in our constitution and ritual.

At this season rushing should be carried on vigorously, especially by those chapters whose ranks have been greatly depleted.

Initiate only good men, but the more good men the better. The proudest boast of S. A. E. ever has been her high standard of membership. Maintain that standard.

But good men are always in demand, hence the necessity of convincing them that S. A. E. is their proper home, in spite of the allurements of rivals. In doing this, never think that it is necessary for you to belittle a rival. It is not the manly, honorable course, and S. A. E. can afford to stand on her own merits.

A letter from the E. S. A. announces that the convention will be held in Atlanta instead of Augusta. A circular will be issued explaining the change.

The letter from Georgia Tau in this issue states that the senate chamber has been secured as a place of meeting.

Are the chapters preparing for the fast approaching convention? If it is to be a successful convention, anything more than a social gathering, now is the time to prepare for it, and the chapter meeting is the place.

What are the needs of S. A. E. from your local point of view?

Whatever they are discuss them, impress them upon your delegate and let him go to the convention fully armed to do service, and not to be a mere camp follower.

If every chapter will do this, the convention will be the most productive of good of any in the history of the fraternity. Extension, of course, will be discussed, although we consider our extension policy as pretty well defined. In this connection we are sick of hearing the north and west described as standing with outstretched arms, awaiting to receive the coy maiden, S. A. E. The truth is that they are battle fields, and by many we are looked upon as intruders. Every chapter established is the result of determined effort on someone's part, and whatever is done in the future, will be done because someone is willing to work persistently for its accomplishment.

But new fields are not the only ones we must consider. As a contribution in this number shows, we have suffered ourselves to be crowded out of old ones where we should be in the lead.

Internal affairs should receive a large share of the convention's time, but to go into details in an open journal like the RECORD, would be entirely out of place, and that brings us to the necessity of a secret publication for members only. There are issues before the fraternity that should receive free and fearless discussion, but as they pertain only to ourselves, they must not be given publicity. The convention will do well to provide such a medium.

In point of attendance the Atlanta convention should eclipse all others. We have more alumni in Georgia than in any other state in the Union, and many of them reside in Atlanta. The active chapters of Georgia should be there *en masse*. Every chapter in Sigdom should have at least one representative. With the help of the convention fund this is possible, and if it is raised in full it will pay not one half of the delegate's fare, as in previous years, but the whole of it. Any chapter that fails to provide its part of the fund, shows a short sighted and penurious spirit.

We especially urge our new chapters to be represented and drink in some of the S. A. E. enthusiasm that is sure to be flowing there.

The song book committee should push their work, and be prepared to give a final report at Atlanta. Fraternity songs are a pleasing feature of most fraternity conventions. Why not at S. A. E's?

The *Portfolio* comes to us from the University of Colorado. Bro. Paul M. North is editor-in-chief, and Bros. Chas. A. Potter, Conrad Bluhm, Wellie Givens, Harry P. Layton and Lewis Gaylord, with one D. T. D. and one Barb, comprise the remainder of the staff.

The *Unionian*, the annual published by the fraternities at Mt. Union college, has Bro. M. B. Excell as editor-in-chief and Bro. Reed as business manager.

We note with pleasure the organization of Tennessee Alpha Alumnus; at Chattanooga. No fact is more deplorable than that the great body of our alumni take so little active interest in their fraternity, and the news that a number have banded themselves together in the interests of old S. A. E., is certainly refreshing. The organization of this chapter is largely due to the enthusiastic efforts of Bro. G. G. Harris. There are a number of ways in which an alumnus chapter can be of good service to the fraternity; one of these is to subscribe for the fraternity publications, and thus help to keep the wolf from the magazine, the catalogue and the song book door.

Another is to see that the bright young men who go away to attend college, go pledged to join the right fraternity, thus helping to build up our active chapters.

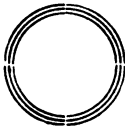
And then in the convention hall, it is a pleasing sight to see the man of affairs working hand in hand with the under-graduate, to promote the fraternity's welfare. The alumni chapter

can exert a great influence in aiding to shape the policy of the order.

To its members, an alumni chapter should be something more than a reminder of college days. It should be a body of men, bound by friendship's ties to assist and encourage each other in the active affairs of life.

S. A. E. has representatives in attendance at five of the best eastern colleges. If these stray Sigs do their duty, this college year will be without a rival for extension work.

The convention should establish a founder's day, to be devoted by both active and alumni chapters to paying due honor to the men who conceived and instituted our brotherhood.



PERSONALS.

Married, on October 21, Dr. John H. London, N. C. Xi, to Miss Inder Tucker, of Raleigh.

Bros. W. M. Little, Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., and A. S. Williams, of N. C. Xi, were licensed to practice law in North Carolina at the September term of the supreme court. Xi gave them a banquet on the eve of their departure. Brother Williams has entered the Columbian law school.

Bros. A. W. Long and A. H. Patterson, N. C. Xi, are at Harvard. Brother Long received the master's degree and won a fellowship there last year. Brother Patterson won the philosophical oration at the University of North Carolina, where he received the degree of Ph. B., 1891.

Bro. W. D. Carswell, Georgia Beta, '85, is practicing law in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. C. H. Solomon, Georgia Pi, '64, is a prominent jeweler of Macon, Ga.

Bro. W. R. Mustin, Georgia Psi, '78, represented Morgan county in the last general assembly of Georgia. He lives in Madison.

Bro. J. A. Sibley, Virginia Sigma, '81, represents Cobb county in the present general assembly of Georgia.

Bro. E. P. S. Denmark, Georgia Beta, '75, is president of the Bank of Quitman, Quitman, Ga. E. A. Groover, Beta, '84, is cashier of the same bank.

Bro. B. A. Denmark, Georgia Beta, '71, is president of the Citizens' bank of Savannah, Ga.; capital, \$500,000. Brother Denmark is also senior member of the law firm of Denmark, Adams & Adams. Besides his law and banking business, Bro. Denmark is a director of the United Underwriters' Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga., and is president of the South Bound railroad.

Bros. Davis Freeman, U. H. McLaws, W. W. Osborne, H. E. Wilson, A. K. Wright, J. Ferris Cann and J. A. Mercer, Jr., are attorneys-at-law in Savannah.

Bro. C. T. Morel, Tennessee Nu, '60, is auditor of the Savannah, Florida and Western railway, with headquarters at Savannah.

Hon. Thomas E. Watson, Georgia Psi, '76, is congressman from the tenth district of Georgia to the 52d congress. He has purchased a residence in Washington City.

Bro. J. D. Carswell, Georgia Beta, '86, is with Haines & Daniel, insurance agents, Savannah, Ga.

Bro. W. L. Clay, Georgia Beta, '86, is a lawyer of Savannah. He is the attorney for Bryan county, of the S., F. & W. Ry.

Bro. Harry S. Bunting, Tenn. Zeta, '91, is now in Atlanta. He is on the staff of the *Atlanta Constitution*.

Bro. J. N. Craig, Tenn. Zeta, '89, is private secretary to Clark Howell, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*.

Bro. Howard Van Epps, Georgia Beta, '69, is one of the vice presidents of the Alumni association of the University of Georgia.

Bro. H. H. Alexander, Georgia Beta, '37, is an Augusta real estate agent.

Bro. W. H. Doughty, Jr., Georgia Beta, '75, is a practicing physician and surgeon at Augusta, Ga.

Bro. T. R. Gibson, Georgia Beta, '76, is editor of the *Augusta Evening News*, and is also a vice president of the U. of Ga. Alumni Association.

Bro. Carlton Hillyer, Georgia Beta, '66, is auditor of the Georgia railroad. His office is in Augusta.

Bro. J. D. Little, Georgia Beta, '88, is a member of law firm of Little, Wimbish & Little, of Columbus, Ga.

Bro. W. L. Moore, Georgia Beta, '83, is president of the W. A. Moore Company, recently organized in Atlanta, with \$200,000 capital and the privilege of increasing capital stock to \$750,000.

Bro. P. H. Snook, Jr., Georgia Beta, '86, is junior partner in the furniture house of P. H. Snook & Son, Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. L. W. Thomas, Georgia Beta, '74, is assistant solicitor for the city court of Atlanta.

Bro. B. H. Thompson, Georgia Beta, '87, is private secretary to Pat Calhoun.

Bro. Dr. J. S. Todd, Georgia Pi, '63, is a practicing physician of Atlanta. He lost his right arm during the late war.

Bro. Howard Van Epps, Georgia Beta, '69, is judge of the Atlanta city court.

Bro. Lott Warren, Georgia Beta, '75, is in the insurance business in Americus, Ga.

Bro. E. G. Simmons, Georgia Beta, '71, is attorney for the southwestern division of the Central Railway of Georgia.

Bro. D. F. Davenport, Alabama Alpha Mu, '81, is at the head of the Davenport Drug Co., wholesale and retail druggists, Americus, Ga.

Bro. R. H. Randall, Georgia Beta, '73, is one of Atlanta's enterprising real estate agents.

Bro. L. L. McClesky, Georgia Beta, '68, is a prominent official of the Richmond and Danville railroad.

Bro. J. R. McKeldin is a member of the Atlanta shoe house of McKeldin & Carlton. He is a Tennessee Kappa man.

Bro. J. E. D. Shipp, Alabama A. M., '79, is a prominent business man and banker of Cordele, Ga.

Bro. Guy C. Hamilton, Georgia Beta, '86, is a traveling freight agent of the Central railroad of Georgia.

Bro. C. A. Scudder, Georgia Beta, '79, is a prominent jeweler of Athens, Ga.

Bros. J. Hooper Alexander, Georgia Beta, '79, and W. W. Lambdin, Georgia Beta, '79, compose the law firm of Alexander & Lambdin, of Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. J. F. Barclay, Kentucky Iota, '62, is junior member of the undertaking firm of Wiley & Barclay, in Atlanta.

Bro. H. H. Cabaniss, Georgia Beta, '69, is business manager of the Atlanta *Journal*.

Bro. H. L. Collier, Georgia Beta, '72, is a civil engineer in Atlanta.

Bro. A. H. Cox, Georgia Beta, '68, is one of Atlanta's "Sig" lawyers.

Bro. Frank Fontaine, Georgia Pi, '65, is a stock and bond broker in Atlanta.

Bro. J. Daniel Grant, Georgia Beta, '85, is a prosperous cotton merchant of Memphis, Tenn.

Bro. W. A. Hansell, Georgia Pi, '58, is with the Geo. W. Scott Chemical co., of Atlanta.

Bro. L. J. Hill, Virginia Omicron '68, is president of the Gate City National bank, of Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. J. E. Hunnicutt, Georgia Epsilon, '82, is secretary and treasurer of the Hunnicutt & Bellingrath Co., of Atlanta.

Bro. W. H. Barrett, Jr., Georgia Beta, '85, is a rising young lawyer of Augusta, Ga.

Bro. W. H. Fleming, Georgia Beta, '75, represents Richmond county in the Georgia legislature. He is quite a strong candidate for the speakership of the next house. Bro. Fleming is a brainy lawyer of Augusta.

Capt. Harray Jackson, Georgia Beta —, and Tom Cobb Jackson, Georgia Beta, '86, are the Atlanta attorneys for the Richmond and Danville Railroad Co.

Bro. Harvey Johnson, Georgia Beta, '84, is secretary of the National Tontine Building and Loan Association of Atlanta, Ga. It may be added that Bro. Johnson is as enthusiastic a "Sig" to-day as he was when one of Beta's leading men. Bro. Johnson has attended the conventions of '83, '84 and '86, held at Louisville, Athens and Atlanta, respectively.

Bros. C. L. Floyd, Georgia Beta, '78, and L. M. Laundrum, Georgia Beta, '76, are the principals of two of Atlanta's public schools.

Bro. A. A. Murphy delivered an address at the opening of

the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery, in Atlanta on October 1st.

Bro. Geo. F. Gober, Georgia Beta, '75, is judge of the superior court of the Blue Ridge circuit, of Georgia.

Bro. T. F. Stubbs, Georgia Psi, '70, is a member of the Savannah cotton house of Stubbs & Tison. Bro. Stubbs is also a director of the Germania bank of Savannah.

Bro. W. C. Bum, Georgia Psi, '81, is mayor of Cedartown, Georgia.

Bro. Julius Hardwick is teller of the First National bank of the same place.

Bro. Paul Taver, Georgia Pi, '62, is a practicing physician of Fayetteville, Ga.

Bro. A. W. Van Hoose, Georgia Delta, '82, and Georgia Beta, '82, is president of the Georgia female seminary at Gainesville, Ga.

Bro. W. D. Carswell, Georgia Beta, '85, is practicing law in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. Egbert Beall, Georgia Pi, '62, has a large clothing establishment in Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. D. H. Harris, Mo. Alpha, is deputy clerk of Calloway county, at Fulton, Mo.

Bro. W. S. Caruthers, Missouri Alpha, is a railroad engineer at Anacortes, Wash.

Bro. H. M. Stephens, Missouri Alpha, is practicing law at Spokane Falls, Wash.

Bros. W. N. B. and George Smith, Missouri Alpha, are at their home in Pattonville, Mo.

Bro. Carter B. Harrison, Missouri Alpha, is at home in Murfreesborough, Tenn.; will spend the winter in Texas on account of his health.

Bro. R. P. Ingram, Missouri Alpha, who won the oratorical medal of the graduating class last year, has just sailed for Spain, as tutor with a private family, where he will spend the winter.

Bro. W. G. Haydon, Missouri Alpha, is practicing law in Las Vegas, N. M.

Bro. Forrest Haydon, Missouri Alpha, is farming at his home near Columbia, Mo.

Bro. J. M. Almond, Ga. Delta, was graduated with honors at the N. Ga. Agricultural college last June.

He is now in Baltimore Md., taking a business course.

Bro. T. M. Morrison, Pa. Omega, who has for the past year been principal of the Waterford schools has accepted the position of superintendent of the Union City, Pa., schools for the present year. The *Waterford Leader* says of him: "He has made many friends during his stay here and all will regret very much his leaving. Union city may be congratulated on securing such an excellent man to superintend their schools."

Bro. J. A. Gibson, Pa. Omega '91, is principal of the high school at Butler, Pa.

Bro. S. B. Monroe, Mich. Iota Beta '91, is at his home, South Haven, Michigan.

Bro. A. S. Calkins, Mich. Iota Beta '91, is at his home, Allegan, Mich.

Bro. P. O. Robinson, Mich. Iota Beta, instructs the youth near his home in Plain City, O.

Bros. Spence and King, Mich. Iota Beta, who assisted Bro. H. S. Bunting in establishing Colo. Chi, are still in Denver.

Bro. W. A. Marshall, Ala. Alpha Mu, is taking a post-graduate course at Ala. A & M. college.

Bro. John Kimball, Ala. Alpha Mu '91, is studying law at the University of Ga.

Bro. Dunstan, Ala. Alpha Mu, for several years a tutor at his alma mater, is taking a special course at Johns Hopkins.

Bro. Walter Dunlap, Ala. Alpha Mu, has moved from Montgomery to his old home in Selma. Walter is an enthusiastic Sig and a hard worker.

Bro. Pow, Ala. Alpha Mu, recently paid his old chapter a visit. Bro. Pow says he can work a year on the inspiration received from meeting with the boys.

Bro. Weston, Ala. Alpha Mu, is expected to return to college after the holidays. He was a great favorite at Auburn.

Bro. Crenshaw, Ala. Alpha Mu, has returned to college after a long absence, to take a course in electrical engineering. A stronger magnet than electricity is said to attract him to Auburn.

Prof. Willmore, Ala. Alpha Mu, director of Mech. Arts has settled in Auburn with his charming wife. The boys of Alpha Mu are glad to have them so near.

Bro. Blakey, Ala. Alpha Mu, is rearing a fine boy in the way he should go for Alpha Mu chapter some fourteen years hence. Bro. Burton is keeping him company with a beautiful little girl.

Bro. Harrison. Ala. Alpha Mu, visited his chapter last commencement.

Bro. E. C. Lane, Mich. Alpha, was a delegate to the Y. M. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva.

Bro. F. G. Cadwell, Mich. Iota Beta '91, is attending McCormick seminary, Chicago. On the 12th of Oct., he was married to Miss Nellie C. Brandon, at Celina, Ohio.

Bro. F. E. Priddy, Mich. Alpha '90 is one of the most promising young lawyers of Adrian, Mich.

Bro. H. C. Ansley, Ga. Beta, has been recently appointed comptroller of the Richmond & Danville R. R.

M. B. Excell, Ohio Sigma '91, is city editor of the *Alliance Daily Leader*, and is a rising journalist.

J. H. Focht, Ohio Sigma, has abandoned newspaper work and is now principal of the Seneca st. Schools of Alliance, Ohio.

Jos. L. Reed, Ohio Sigma '91, is superintendent of the public schools at Navarre, Ohio.

T. Armstrong, Ohio Sigma, until recently principal of the business department of the Mt. Union college is now giving all his time to his celebrated stock farm at Alliance, Ohio.

Chas. F. Rogers, Ohio Sigma '90, has opened a civil engineering office at Salem, Ohio, and is meeting with success.

S. J. Christley, Ohio Sigma 89, is principal of the academy at Sunbury, Pa. Bro. Christley has also joined the ranks of our benedicts.

W. S. Fritch, Ohio Sigma 86, is pastor of the M. E. Church at Holyoke, Mass.

F. P. McClure, Ohio Sigma '91, of Newton Falls, Ohio, is engaged in the study of law.

H. C. Burger, Ohio Sigma '90, has entered the Boston university school of theology in order to prepare for the work of the ministry in the M. E. church.

Fred L. Taft, Ohio Sigma '90, is reading law in the office of Judge Tyler at Cleveland, Ohio.

J. C. Goodrich, Ohio Sigma '88, has been lying very sick at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y. We trust to hear of his speedy recovery.

Bros. O'Keefe, Ohio Sigma, Normal '87, Sage, '90 and Pipher, '90, continue to abide at Saginaw, Mich., as attorney at law, teacher and editor, respectively.

Bro. Jno. Caruthers, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is principal of the school at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. He will be in the law department here in '92.

Bro. O. D. McReynolds, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is in the real estate business in Jefferson, Tex., and is doing a good business.

Bro. G. H. Black, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is saving men's necks at Greenville, Texas.

Bro. Z. J. Crider, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is taking a business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; also Bro. J. P. Morgan, '91.

Bro. J. P. Lee, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is practicing law in the swamps of Arkansas.

Bro. T. E. Halbert, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is in the Tennessee Medical college at Nashville. He was with us at the beginning of the year.

Bro. R. M. Banks, Tenn. Lambda, '91, can be found beneath his shingle at Clarendon, Ark.

Bro. W. H. Rathburn, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is an attorney at Springfield, Mo.

Bro. W. O. Mines, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is the junor member of the firm of McSwain & Mines, attorneys at law, Newport, Tenn.

Bro. A. M. Marr, Tenn. Lambda, '91, is practicing his profession, law, at Brownsville, Tenn.

Bro. O. L. Price, Tenn. Lambda, is defending cowboys and prosecuting horse thieves at Hawley's Grove, Texas.

Bro. J. T. Dunn, Tenn. Lambda, is pushing to the front of the bar at Eupora, Miss.

Bro. S. B. Davis, Tenn. Lambda, is practicing law at Murfreesboro, Tenn. He was with us the first of the year.

Bro. Geo. H. Bunting, Tenn. Zeta, is taking a course at Jennings's business college, Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. J. S. Burton, A. B., Tenn. Zeta, '91, has entered Union Theological Seminary, Hampden Sidney, Va.

Bro. W. M. Denton, Tenn. Zeta, '91, is taking a business course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Bro. E. L. McNeilly, Tenn. Zeta, '91, has entered Vanderbilt law school, Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. T. U. Sisson, A. B., Tenn. Zeta, '90, is principal of the Kosciusko, Miss., public schools.

Bro. J. H. Patton, B. D., '89, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church, Marietta, Ga.

Bro. W. W. Elwang, B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '87, is pastor of the Cuthbert, Ga., Presbyterian church, and also a professor in the Southwest Georgia A. and M. college. Bro. Elwang was married last July to Miss Margaret Hersman, the accomplished daughter of Rev. C. C. Hersman, D. D., LL. D., late chancellor of the Southwestern Presbyterian university.

Bro. R. A. Haden, B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '91, sailed last month for China to enter the missionary work.

Bro. J. C. Griffiss, Tenn. Zeta, '91, has accepted a position in the Fourth National bank, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. P. C. Cowan, Tenn. Zeta, '91, is in the cotton business at Vicksburg, Miss.

Bro. W. F. Timms, Tenn. Zeta, has the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Learned, Miss.

Bro. Harry R. Lowrie, Mich. Alpha, '85, recently associated as state editor with the "Detroit Evening News," is traveling in Europe. He is furnishing the American Press association with a series of brilliant letters that add constantly to his reputation as a journalist.

Bro. Horton C. Rorick, Mich. Alpha, '90, and Miss Mattie Packard of Seneca, Mich., were married on September 17. Bro. Hunter served in the capacity of best man, and Prof. Wilber, one of the loyal Sigs. of the faculty, performed the ceremony.

Bro. A. L. McCaslin, Mich. Alpha, is traveling on the Pacific slope for the benefit of his health.

Bro. Leigh Layman, Mich. Alpha, '91, has entered upon a three years' theological course at Yale.

Bro. W. T. Barris, Mich. Alpha, is now enrolled with the "Medics" at Hahnemann's medical college, Philadelphia.

Bro. Will Lowrie, Mich. Alpha, '89, sailed on September 30 for Germany, intending to take a post graduate course at Leipsic.

Bro. S. F. Kedize, Mich. Alpha, '91, spent his vacation in Massachusetts, and while there was married to Miss Emma Kirchlein. He is at present superintendent of public schools at Flaudreau, S. D.

Bro. N. G. Canning, Ga. Delta, is one of the most prominent lawyers of North Alabama. His home is at Gadsden.

Bro. J. J. Guillard, Ga. Delta, is civil engineer for the Central railroad of Georgia.

Bro. Ed Almand, Ga. Delta, is merchandizing at his home, Conyer, Ga.

Bro. W. S. Basinger, Jr., Ga. Delta, is railroading with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo.

Bro. J. S. Fouche, Ga. Delta, has gone to the University of Virginia to take the law course there, and upon graduating will practice at his home, Rome, Ga.

Bro. J. W. Ryals, Ga. Delta, of Savannah, Ga., is the last remaining Sig. at the N. G. A. college. He will be senior captain of the battallion and doubtless will graduate with honors.

Bro. Henry C. Whelchel, one of our *fratres in Urbe*, has the largest practice of any physician in Dahlonega, Ga.

Bro. Walter S. Wilson, Ga. Delta, is now Professor of mathematics in the North Georgia Agricultural college. Bro. Wilson has the reputation of being the finest mathematician in Georgia. He always has a grip and a kind word for the Sigs.

Bro. W. L. Carhnie, Ga. Delta, is living in Madison, Ga.

Bro. "Tobe" Clark, Ga. Psi, is in business in Madison, Ga.

Bro. Wise, one of the "old timers," is one of the prominent physicians of Chattanooga.

Bro. Caldwell, Tenn. Zeta, has a large hardware house in Chattanooga.

W. H. Westmoreland, S. C. Phi, is state agent for the Equitable Building and Loan association and has headquarters at Montgomery.

T. J. Rutledge, Ala. Beta Beta, '71, has been appointed stock claim agent of the Alabama Midland railroad at Troy, Ala.

Hugh M. Taylor, Ala. Alpha Mu, '78, is a roadmaster of the Mexican National railroad at City of Mexico.

J. Winter Thorington, Ala. Mu, holds a clerkship under the auditor of the Alabama Midland railway, Montgomery.

Bro. H. A. Dent, A. B., Alabama Iota '90, of Eufaula, Ala., spent the summer at the University of Virginia, where he attended a series of lectures on civil engineering, and has now gone to Terre Haute, Ind., to complete his course.

Bro. W. W. Benson, A. B., Alabama Iota '90, of Forest Home, Ala., is co-principal of the Ozark high school, at Ozark, Ala.

Bro. H. C. Lang, A. B., Alabama Iota '90, of Nerona, Miss., is an assistant in the Marengo Military Institute, at Demopolis, Ala.

Bro. J. M. Glenn, A. M. Alabama Iota '91, of Marianna, Fla., has accepted the position of co-principal of the Newton high school, until the Alabama conference meets in December, at which time he will have a work assigned him in the ministry.

Bro. J. T. Stuart, Alabama Iota, of Montgomery, Ala., will soon return to the "sunny south," having completed his course at the Baltimore college of dental surgery, Baltimore, Md.

Bro. E. L. Crawford, Alabama Iota, of Eufaula, Ala., A. B. 1890-91, has a flourishing school near Uniontown, Ala. We are glad Bro. Crawford is near enough to pay us an occasional visit.

Bro. J. P. Scales, Alabama Iota, is studying medicine at New Orleans, La.

Bro. J. D. Bancraft, Alabama Iota, Union Springs, Ala., is teaching school near Lawndesboro, Ala.

Bro. T. C. Jackson, Ga. Beta, '86, a member of the firm of Jackson & Jackson, is doing a large law practice in Atlanta. His firm represent one division of the Richmond Terminal company.

Bro. B. C. Collier, Ga. Beta, '90, and Bro. J. G. Basinger, '89, can be found in the office of the engineer of the city of New York at 2629 Third avenue.

Bro. J. H. Walker, Ga. Beta, '86, is principal of the school at Harmony Grove, Ga.

Bro. C. I. Mell, Ga. Beta, '86, was recently elected manager of the Farmers' Alliance warehouse in this city.

Bro. Jno. D. Mell, Ga. Beta, '84, was initiated last month in the position of solicitor of the city courts.

Bro. T. G. Gerdine, '91, has just returned from a trip to Europe.

Bro. W. M. Moore, Ga. Beta, '86, is proprietor of a very large stock company in Atlanta known as "The W. M. Moore Stock Company." This company succeeds the firm of Moore, Marsh & Co., who were so well known.

Bro. Marion McH. Hull, Ga. Beta, was recently elected a fellow in biology in the University of Georgia.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Ga. Beta—University of Ga., Athens.

Once again did the sun of fraternal love light up the hall of Beta as her five loyal men, after having been separated for three months, gathered around the altars of S. A. E., and after having enthused each other with S. A. E-ism, did these five brothers go forth into the ranks of the barbarians. And they returned not battered, torn and weak, but triumphant and strong, bearing with them as trophies seven new men who desired to enter the ranks of these valiant brothers and bear the standard of the purple and gold. And not only this, but in their triumphant march they found three brothers who having participated of the luxuries of S. A. E. love and friendship in other climes, desired now to take up their abode with Beta.

Our new men are as follows : Fred Barfield of Cuthbert, Ga., class '93 ; Jim Taylor of Americus, Ga., class '93 ; Tot. Latimer of Athens, Ga., class '95 ; Geo. F. Butler of Augusta, Ga., class '94 ; Thos. Hull of Athens, Ga. class '95 ; Seale Harris of Cedartown, Ga., class '93 ; Bob. Hodgson of Athens, Ga., class '95.

I hardly deem it necessary to say that these new brothers are good men for you all know that none but good men ever gain such a distinction.

And right gladly too did Beta welcome the addition of Bro. Will Draper of Ga. Tau, Bro. Jno. Kimball of Ala. Alpha Mu and Bro. Willie Wilkins of Ga. Eta (extinct). All of whom you already know and who need no eulogy. We do sincerely hope that all the chapters have fared as well as Beta and that the ranks of S. A. E. will be swelled and increased by *many* such men as we have found. Let us work this year brothers as never before, let us extend our limits carrying the purple and gold into the many good colleges who need it ; let us push S. A.

E. up another round on the ladder and distance our rivals by superiority in quality of men—in zeal—and in fraternal love—if not in numbers.

Hoping that all our chapters are as joyous over their prospects and wishing them all a pleasant and profitable year we again extend a hearty grip.

Fraternally, JULIAN GOETCHINS.

Georgia Psi—Mercer University, Macon.

During our last vacation, we experienced a very great loss in the death of our beloved brother, D. W. Glover, '93. Prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties, he had completely won our affections and our deepest respect. We are indeed grieved at our loss.

Our numbers this year, although not so great as in the past, yet we pride ourselves on having young men whom we consider will be an honor to S. A. E., not only in college, but in after life. We have initiated into the sacred bonds, this term, two new members, Bros. J. S. Bagwell and E. Holland. Both of these young men come highly recommended, and are taking a good stand in their respective classes.

The following have been elected as our officers for this term: Bros. C. W. Minor, E. A.; C. F. Cox, E. D. A.; W. E. Godfrey, E. R.; W. Johns, E. T.; G. A. Johns, E. C.; J. W. Tribble, E. H.

We hope that this will prove a prosperous year to all Sigs, and that ere this year shall have passed, we shall see the bounds of S. A. E. extending from ocean to ocean, from north to south. With best wishes to THE RECORD, I am,

Yours fraternally, J. M. THREADGILL.

Ga. Tau.—Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

Our chapter numbered nine men at the close of school in June of this year, and six of that number reported on the opening day in October. Our six old men are Davis, Harper,

Jackson, Bridge, Sheffield and Freeman. Bro. Draper, '93, has gone to Athens and joined Beta's list of '94 men. Bro. McRae, also of our last year's chapter and a '93 man, is working in the Western and Atlantic railroad shops in Atlanta. Bro. Wiley, '92, has not returned. If he does return this year he will probably wait till February, and join '93.

School opened on Oct. 1st, and thus far we have had two men to mount the Billy and ride into fellowship with us. Our new men are Fred. M. Hull, jr., '95 and Arthur W. Hall, '94. Bro. Hull is from English Eddy, Tattnall county, Ga., and Bro. Hall is from Cedartown, Ga.

We have two more men pledged and are watching two or three others.

In our Senior class there are twenty men. Of this number nine are A. T. O's, one is a Theta and two are Sigs, the remainder being Barbs. In this class we received one office, that of historian, which is held by Bro. Bridge. The Theta is the class president, but we consider that a victory for us because he was nominated by a Sig, and also because he is more intimate with us than with any other boys.

The middle class ('93) organized some time since. There are twenty-six men in this class. Seven middlers are A. T. O's, three are S. A. E's, and the rest Barbs. The Barbs organized to prevent the A. T. O's from getting any office. This was very effectually done, for although every one of their men was nominated for some office, the Barbs defeated each one of them. We received two places: Bro. Harper is dude and Bro. Davis is secretary.

We have had a good many alumni with us at our meetings this year. Among those who have found the latch string hanging out are F. M. Gettys, Tenn. Kappa; T. E. Owens, Ga. Epsilon; Bros. Hall and Atwood, from Ga. A. and M. college; J. N. Craig, Tenn. Zeta; and that tireless worker and devoted Sig, H. S. Bunting, Tenn. Zeta. Bro. Frank Fontaine, Ala. Alpha

Mu '90, has also been with us, as has Bro. Patterson, of Ala. Iota. Bros. Bunting and Hall have been up at every meeting.

We are working to have fifteen men by the convention. College opened with about 195 men. Of this number 140 are of college grade.

The senate chamber of the Georgia capitol has been secured for the sessions of the thirty-fifth annual convention of the S. A. E. fraternity, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28—30th, 1891.

The A. T. O's have twenty-three men at present, five of this number are new, and one is affiliated.

Fraternally, GEO. FREEMAN.

Alabama Iota—Southern University, Greensboro.

Our ranks are somewhat thinned, ten of our old men not having returned this year; but have gone forth to experience the stern realities of life and battle for the right.

May the hand of time rest lightly upon you, and as the years roll on the laurels you win for S. A. E. will in a measure compensate for Iota's loss.

The roll at our first meeting numbered seven. We are now a strong and well organized chapter of fifteen. Bro. J. R. Gamble of 1889-90 having since returned, and seven new names appearing upon the mystic scroll.

Confident that in no instance have we misplaced the purple and gold, I take great pleasure in introducing our new initiates to the fraternity world. Given in the order of initiation they are: Bros. L. K. Benson, H. S. Crawford, J. O. Lang, R. E. Holman, M. Andrews, R. K. Rosamond and F. C. Brown. Each of these young men, I believe, fully appreciates the honor which has been bestowed upon him, and will blend their every effort to hold aloft the banner of S. A. E. and bear it, as it has in the past been borne, to the highest place of honor, where it so richly deserves to be.

As far as we know, among the four fraternities of the

university, there exists only the most pleasant spirit of rivalry, and nothing to mar the harmony of the Greek world.

Our opening has been so pleasant and bright that we can but wish a continuation of the present, and that each of our sister Kephs are as happy and as pleasantly situated.

Ho, for the convention of 1891! Let's make it a success and a gathering of "Sigs." of which we may justly feel proud. Go for usiness, ready for work, and with the spirit attuned to social pleasures, which hold equal sway, and characterize the meeting of the brothers indeed.

Our officers for the ensuing term are as follows: D. J. Castleman, E. A.; C. H. Motley, E. D. A.; H. C. Jack, E. C.; J. W. Eckford, E. M.; J. R. Gamble, E. R.; R. E. Holman, E. T.; J. F. Freeman, E. H.

Let the chapter correspondents begin their work and do it well this year. *We* always hear the chapter letters with interest. You may depend upon our stirring correspondent if you'll treat him right and reply. D. J. CASTLEMAN, JR.

Alabama Alpha Mu—A. & M. College, Auburn.

We welcome the several chapters so recently established, and trust that they are all enjoying the prosperity which our older ones always do.

Out of the large chapter of 18 men that left here last year only 10 returned, and we feel almost as if we were starting life anew. However, since we have Bros. Boykin, Brown, Crump, Dunston, Little, Mell, Miller, Marshall, Smith and Trammell with us there is no danger of any reverses happening to us, for when you get them started they are hard to stop.

Good material has been very scarce this year and our "Billy" has been exercised but little. His first victim was Mr. David French Boyd of Auburn. He bids fair to win all the honors of his class. We next turned our attention to Mr. Alfred Fluorney Griggs of West Point, Ga. As soon as he made his appearance in college several fraternities "spotted" him, and after two weeks

of the usual rushing he showed his good sense by casting his fortune with wearers of the purple and gold. We will probably make several additions to our chapter by Christmas, but we believe in looking twice before you leap.

We have captured the following officers in the corps of cadets, and think it is as good a record as anybody can show: Bro. Brown, C. A., leads off with senior captain, and Bro. Trammell follows with a lieutenantship, while Bros. Smith, C. H., Mell and Crump are first sergeants, Bro. Dunstan is on the staff, Bros. Little and Miller have recently been promoted to sergeant's places, and they have not yet recovered from the effects of the paddling which it is customary to give on such occasion in our college.

Every Sig. we see says he is going to the convention or die in the attempt, and Augusta will probably have the honor of entertaining the largest and most representative convention we have ever held. Augusta is a beautiful city and as hospitable as the day is long, so let everybody come, and come prepared to have a good time, or rather to mix a good time with some hard work for the fraternity.

With best wishes for the fraternity at large, and trusting to seeing all of you at the convention, I am,

Yours in the bonds of purple and gold,

CHUMPE SEABURY ANDREWS.

S. C. Delta — University of S. C., Columbia.

We opened this session with only four men, but fortunately they were among the most enthusiastic Sigs. Delta has ever had. We have initiated four men into the mysteries of S. A. E. this season. They are as follows: Frost, McFaddin, Wilson and Harvin. The latter is the brother of the jolly old Sig., B. H. Harvin, who represented Delta at the last convention.

We have already begun to take honors. Bro. H. L. Elliott was elected president of the senior class and editor-in-chief of the

Carolinian, and Bro. A. R. Withers was elected business manager of the *Carolinian*.

The election of officers and orator in the Euphradian society has not been held yet, but when it is held we will hold our own.

We are looking forward to the coming convention to be held in Augusta, Ga., with great joy. It is quite probable that all members of Delta will be present to join with the merry crowd.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: E. G. A., H. L. Elliott; E. G. D. A., O. R. Withers; E. G. R., Wilber Means; E. G. C., W. Weston, Jr.; E. G. T., A. D. McFaddin; E. G. W., F. L. Frost, Jr.; E. G. H., J. A. Harvin.

Bro. Wilson had to leave college a few days ago on account of sickness, but we hope he will soon return.

With best wishes to all in the bonds of S. A. E.

Fraternally, WM. WESTON, JR.

N. C. Theta—Davidson College, Davidson.

Theta begins another year under as flourishing and prosperous circumstances as we could well wish for, and I am glad to say that she still holds her position in the front rank as far as the quality of the new initiates is concerned.

Since the opening of the session we have honored the following members of the class of '95, by initiating them into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Frank H. Wardlaw of Rock Hill, S. C.; C. S. Matthews of Winnsboro, S. C.; Watson Fairley of Manchester, N. C.; Alex. Martin of Davensport, N. C. and R. L. Tate of Greensboro, N. C.

Since our last letter to the RECORD, we initiated Bro. D. R. Williams of Wilmington, N. C., who entered college, during the second term of last session.

We have back with us the following nine members of our last year's chapter: Bros. J. B. Wharey, who was recently elected E. A.; W. R. Minter, E. D. A.; H. R. Murchison, E. R.; J. M. Douglas, E. C.; J. M. Farr, E. T.; and Bros. Cornelson, Mack, Williams and Schenck; thus giving us a total of fourteen good,

loyal and united men to uphold the banner of S. A. E. for the ensuing year.

Bro. McCreery of Columbia, S. C., and Bro. Hyman of Goldboro, N. C. both of whom left us last year have gone into business at their respective homes.

Bro. Whorton, who graduated last year, and Bro. Russell of the medical department, have gone to the University of Va. to finish their course in medicine. Bro. Townsend, class of '91 and Bro. Robinson, class of '93, who did not return this year, are also at home, the former in Anderson, and the latter in Union, S. C.

Theta came in for her share of the honors at our last commencement, having three out of the seven marshals, and two out of the six representatives for the orator's medal.

Bro. Cornelson, who was the successful contestant, was also one of the college representatives at the inter-collegiate oratorical contest, held at Greensboro, N. C., in June.

We are anticipating with a great deal of pleasure, the next convention at Augusta. It will not be far from us, and I expect that Theta will be well represented, as quite a number of our members have already signified their intention of being present to participate in the festivities of the occasion, and to meet the brothers from our sister chapters north and south.

We are greived to hear the sad intelligence of the death of Bro. Frank Townsend, of Union, S. C., who was well known to several of our chapters. He was a former member of chapter Lambda, at the "Citadel."

Theta sends a greeting to the new chapters.

Yours in bonds, JNO. R. SCHENCK.

N. C. Xi—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Yesterday was set apart for the annual celebration of the laying of the corner stone of the first of the university buildings in 1793, and for the installation of our new president, G. T. Wins' on, LL. D. Appropriate addresses were made by President Gilman of Johns Hopkins university, by Walter H. Page,

editor of the *Forum* (and a "tar heel"), and by the retiring and incoming presidents.

While this is not a very significant occurrence, *per se*, it marks the beginning of a new era in the progress and prosperity of the institution. The necessity of the change was brought about by the endowment of the chair of history, to which ex-President Baule was called. Heretofore the university has looked almost entirely to our legislature for sustenance, subject to various uncertainties, but never to prodigality toward this the head of the school system of the state. But the citizens of our commonwealth are beginning to show their appreciation of the work done by their university, and by private subscription have endowed the chair of history and have already secured over twenty scholarships. The A. and M. college is in successful operation and the Woman's (state) college will be opened in the near future. The meaning of it all is there has been an educational awakening throughout the state; that universal history will be taught by one peculiarly fitted for the task; that North Carolina history, so much of which is unwritten, will be taught as never before; and that she will take the place she so justly merits in the history of our country. It means state pride. It means more money, more students, greater capacity, enlarged opportunity, and a thorough equipment for the training of specialists at the state university.

With her interests are inseparably connected the interests of N. C. Xi. *This is our home*. "U. N. C." and "S. A. E."—each proud of its past, and both hopeful for the future.

We have nine men in the academic department, and two post graduates in the department of law. Initiates this term: Jno. L. Patterson, Salem; Jno. L. Gilman, Winston, and Bruce Cotten, Falkland, N. C.

MAXCY L. JOHN.

NOTE.—The song book is progressing slowly. The brothers are earnestly requested to *sing*, and send their songs to Bro. Howard Rondthaler, chm. com.

The "S. A. E." Grand March, published by N. C. Xi, is out of print. If republished, notice will be given through the RECORD.

Va. Pi—Emery and Henry College, Emery.

Virginia Pi is still in existence. Up to the present time we have no new initiates, but hope in the near future to increase our membership. We are only five in number now, due to the fact that there were but seven last year, two of whom did not return. In fact there hasn't been much fraternity material here for the last year or so, and of course our membership has been and will continue to be small so long as this state of affairs exists. Perhaps it wouldn't be uninteresting to make mention of the honors which our boys won last year. Bro. J. L. Foust, who is now taking a law course at Lebanon, Tenn., was first honor man in his graduating class, and also won debators' medal in his society. Bro. J. W. Hamilton has the honor of taking the only oratorical medal given by the institution, known as the Robertson prize. We simply relate these things to let S. A. E. in general know that we are doing all in our power for her honor.

Fraternally,

D. M. SAUNDERS.

Tenn. Omega, Sewanee, Tenn.

It is not without a feeling of pride that I write the events of the past few months. Indeed, they mark an era in the history of Omega. In them she has shown the university what her sons can do.

Let us begin as far back as May last, when Bro. Paul T. Gadsden was chosen orator, and Bro. Hanson W. Jones elected delegate to represent the University of the South at the interstate oratorical contest held at the University of Virginia. Then followed, early in June, the anniversary of the Sigma Epsilon Literary society. Three medals were delivered and Omega bore off two. Bro. P. T. Gadsden was awarded by the members of the society, the medal for being "*the best old member*;" and the judges of the declamation contest decided in favor of Bro. S. Cary Beckwith.

We were then "*invaded*" by the charming "summer girl," who sent her irresistible forces hard upon us. On July 11th we

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managed to come off victorious in our athletic sports. Bro. A. G. Blacklock won a medal for pole vault, Bro. W. B. Faison one for throwing base ball, and Bro. Beckwith secured the mile race.

During the commencement week we were the proudest of beings! Our every effort was attended with success! First came the contest for the Trent Debaters' medal, a contest in which Sigma Epsilon and Pi Omega literary societies each were represented by two men. The former was represented by Bros. Walter Branwell and P. T. Gadsden, the latter by Mr. R. M. W. Black of the D. T. D. fraternity, and Bro. Francis L. Coyle. The judges were unanimously in favor of Bro. Gadsden.

Then followed the contest in oratory for the DuBow cup. Sigma Epsilon had chosen Mr. McGrady and Bro. Gadsden as orators, and Pi Omega intrusted her honor to the keeping of Mr. Wm. Howe, K. A., and Bro. F. L. Coyle. No one could question Bro. Gadsden's right to first place. You can judge for yourselves how happy we all were to see S. A. E. have three out of four debaters and two out of four orators.

August 6th was commencement day. The long procession of bishops, clergy, laymen, army and naval officers, alumni, etc., headed by the choir, Brother Hanson W. Jones being the leader, entered chapel "by the east door." Brother Barnwell delivered the English oration. He had chosen for his subject "The Necessity of the Study of the Languages." He also distinguished himself by capturing the Master's medal for *Latin*.

Then followed the conferring of degrees. Bros. Barnwell and Gadsden were duly declared B. L. T's. Twelve men took the M. A. degree, and out of that number four were S. A. E's, as follows: Bros. E. H. Rowell of Maine, H. W. Jones of Louisiana, P. T. Gadsden of South Carolina, and W. L. Barnwell of South Carolina.

Not only has Omega done well in carrying off university honors, but she has outstripped her sister fraternities in the race for new material. We take great pleasure in introducing to the

fraternity Bros. S. O. Noyse of Texas, C. B. Strother of Georgia, Mazyck of South Carolina, F. E. Shine of Florida and J. A. Blanchard of Louisiana; also as honorary member Dr. B. W. Wells, who fills the chair of modern languages.

Omega lost several of her oldest members this summer. Bro. P. T. Gadsden has gone to Washington, D. C., to study law. Bro. W. L. Barnwell, having taken a wife, is teaching at Trinity school, New York. Bro. E. H. Rowell is also teaching, in Washington, D. C. We wish them the greatest success in their new work, and assure them that if they ever visit Sewanee they will find a most hearty welcome.

The two most charming entertainments of the summer were given to our chapter. On the fifth of September we were entertained at Dr. Piggott's and were received by the S. A. E. girls. On the sixteenth of September Bro. Paul C. Galleher had a chapter supper. "The affair was entirely a bachelor one and the informality of the occasion made it very jolly."

This summer we were visited by several of our alumni—T. C. Barrett, attorney at law, Shreveport, La.; Rev. A. H. Harris, Meridian, Miss.; P. C. Galleher, New Orleans, La.; Houston T. Smith, business manager of the Columbus Female institute, (Bro. Smith is now traveling in Europe); Dr. W. B. Hall, who has accepted a position in the Tuscaloosa insane asylum; Rev. Quincy Ewing of Christ church, New Orleans, and Rev. W. A. Guerry of Florence, S. C.

Our chapter is in excellent condition and our number will remain permanent for some time. We have twenty-one active members who are alive to the interest of S. A. E. All join me in best wishes for a prosperous scholastic year to every Sig.

Faternally, S. CARY BECKWITH.

Tenn. Zeta—S.-Western Presbyterian University, Clarksville.

Zeta's successes on last commencement and field day were related by Bro. Burton in the June RECORD, so I will not enumerate them again. Eleven loyal Sigs. were reassembled

in our hall at the opening of the session. Bros. Baker, Bunting, Graves, Hersman, Mecklin, McDougall, Morgan, Naylor, Stakely, Ware and Wilkinson. We were reinforced by Bro. W. N. Jenkins, an old member of Ky. Chi, who entered the theological class. Since the opening of school we have been more than holding our own, and despite sharp competition have succeeded in increasing our number to eighteen. We take pleasure in chronicling the names of our new initiates: Bros. Irving Stone of Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. S. Hersman, San Luis Obispo, Cal., W. H. Burton, Brownsville, Tenn.; G. W. Scanlan, Meridian, Miss.; F. M. Stakely, Union Springs, Ala., and Colin McCrae, Mt. Holly, Ark. Bro. Geo. Bunting was with us only a few days at the beginning of the session, when he was called away by the very sudden and sad death of his father, an honored member of chapter Zeta. Bro. Bunting will not return this session. What we will do without a Bunting in our chapter I hardly know.

Fraternity matters in general are quiet now, and I sincerely hope nothing will occur to disturb the harmony and good feeling now existing between the different fraternities. The Alpha Tau Omegas number nine, Kappa Sigmas, five; Pi Kappa Alphas, seven; Kappa Alphas, five. It is impossible to tell yet what we will do in the way of winning honors. We never like to boast of what we are going to do, but when the time comes for action our boys always walk off with the lion's share. Zeta has splendid material this year, and no doubt history will repeat itself. But laying aside the question of winning honors, which is but a secondary one, we have truly a fraternal bond this year.

May all the sister chapters prosper as we have prospered, and even more. Several new chapters were formed last year; let more be established this. Let us take "onward" for our motto, and with Bros. Capers and Cowan at the helm, we will steadily advance until we occupy the proud position in the north, east and west that we now do in the south.

Our officers for this term are F. R. Graves, E. A.; H. S.

Hersman, E. D. A.; W. T. Stakely, E. R.; E. D. McDougall, E. C.; E. B. Baker, E. H.; J. M. Mecklin, E. W.; D. F. Wilkinson, E. T., and F. R. Graves RECORD correspondent.

Fraternally, F. GRAVES, 701 College st.

Tenn. Lambda—Cumberland University, Lebanon.

At the close of last year the future prospects of Lambda were not the most flattering, in fact they looked very discouraging, having had a large chapter all the year and for it to be reduced to four by the graduation of so large a number made it look very much like the charter would have to go in. But the four members were as zealous as could be found in the realm of Sigdom, and by five initiates and the writer, an associate from Va. Pi, our number was increased to ten.

We are glad to say the future prospects are more promising than heretofore. Of our number seven are "Lits," six of whom will return, two theologues and one law.

Our initiates for the year are: T. H. H. McGregor, Tennessee; Bruce Hoffman, Alabama; J. A. Whipple, Tennessee; W. S. Kilpatrick, Mississippi, and Josephus Saunders, Tennessee.

On receipt of the last RECORD our hearts swelled with pride when we found on the first page the photograph of "the prince of southern college orators." The S. A. E. fraternity is to be congratulated on numbering among her numbers so brilliant a son. We trust this is only a prophecy of the honors he is yet to win.

Our officers for the year are: E. E. Moody, E. A.; J. L. Faust, E. D. A.; T. H. McGregor, E. C.; R. R. Doak, E. T., and G. H. McLeod, E. R. Fraternaly J. L. FAUST.

Tennessee Nu—Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

The outlook for the present year is a very good one for our chapter. Ten of the old students are back this year, and besides we have about a half dozen transfers. We have initiated only two so far, but the prospects are good for others to follow. The

meetings have been well attended, and we hope to have very pleasant associations together.

The fraternities of the university have been very active this season; the present freshman class is a good one, and a large number of them have already been taken into the various fraternities.

We had a visiting brother from Sewanee at our last meeting, and this, with the fact that there were several other chapters represented by the transfers, made an interesting time for us.

We have among our number students not only from the academic department but also from the law and medical departments, and we feel sure they will do themselves and the chapter credit in the university work.

B. R. DOWNER.

Tenn. Kappa—University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

We are back from summer sports, and open the year with eight men. Tenn. Kappa intends to do herself proud notwithstanding the poor field she has to traverse.

Yours in the bonds, JNO. H. BUTLER.

Tenn. Alpha Alumnus—Chattanooga.

Tenn. Alpha sends greetings to her sister Kephs. After working all summer for this end, our hopes are now realized, and we are correspondingly happy. Alpha starts with nine men and will soon be reinforced heavily by Sigs. residing here, who are not yet through college. All are enthusiastic, their interest in the cause has been rekindled, and soon Alpha will be foremost among the Tenn. Kephs. This city is full of Greeks, and a movement is on foot to have a grand Pan-Hellenic banquet in November, and it seems to meet with the approval of all, and the Sigs. intend to have one soon also.

Our E. A. is Wm. D. Carswell, Ga. Beta, '85. Bro. Carswell is one of the best attorneys in the city, and the appreciation in which he is held by the people is shown by his large practice.

J. A. Caldwell is E. D. A. He is an initiate of Tenn. Lambda,

and has one of the largest hardware houses in Chattanooga.

Bro. H. Walton French, Tenn. Keppa, '90, was elected E. R. Bro. French held this position and also that of E. W. at Kappa. He is alternate from this district to the U. S. M. A., West Point, and has prospects of returning soon. Bro. French is always ready to get out and "hustle" when the interests of S. A. E. are at stake.

Jno. C. Griffiss, Jr., is E. T. To many of the brothers John needs no introduction. He is one of the rising young men of Chattanooga. He is employed as bookkeeper in the Fourth National bank; also is carefully cultivating a scanty crop of side whiskers.

Bro. J. E. Mayfield, Lambda, is E. W. He is another one of our lawyers who enjoys a large practice, and is always ready to give the boys the grip and a real old fashioned Bradley county welcome.

Bro. E. B. Wise (Murfreesboro) Tenn. Omega, is a Sig. of the "old stock" and is one of the leading physicians of the city. He is our E. H.

Bro. Ellis D. Rees was one of the charter members of Tenn. Kappa and is a large grain dealer.

Bro. C. A. Andrews, Ala. A. M., is still in college, but being in the city when the movement to organize was started, he desired to be placed on the list as a member, bearing his share of all expenses. He leads in his class, and expects to become a civil engineer.

Lastly your humble servant, Garrard G. Harris, who was honored with the position of E. C. He is from Ga. Beta, having joined in 1890. He will return to the University of Georgia next year, having laid off this year as a healthing spell, as he is constitutionally and chronically "tired"; too much so to make a success as a good student.

We are as yet in the dark as to where the next convention will be held, it having been changed from Augusta, Ga.

We meet once a month, and after our numbers increase, will get us some nice rooms and furnish them nicely. Then will we appreciate life more than we do now.

Box 57, St. Elmo, Tenn.

GARRARD G. HARRIS.

Ohio Sigma—Mt. Union College, Alliance.

Our chapter begins work with excellent prospects for a year of great success. We have four able men in the senior class and all the other classes are well represented. We have initiated two men so far this term, whom we take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity, Bro. Frank F. Toland and Bro. Bert Davis. We are strong numerically, yet we have material of the best quality to work upon, and therefore we expect soon to report still greater success. Our seniors last year held most of the honors on class day.

E. B. Bentley, '91, received first honors from the Republican Literary society; W. J. Williams, '92, the second honor debate; F. P. McClure, '91, received second honor debate from the Linnæan Literary society.

In class honors H. S. Miller received first Greek oration, J. L. Reed had German oration, M. B. Excell philosophical oration. F. P. McClure received highest honor from faculty, first place for oratory. Fraternally, LINDALE SMITH.

Ohio Alpha Alumnus—Alliance.

Since we wrote you our last chapter letter in June many changes have taken place. One of the saddest events which we now have to chronicle is the death of our dearly loved brother, Prof. Elmer H. Stanley, of Oberlin college, which occurred on the 22d of July, at his home in Oberlin, O. Bro. Stanley was professor of mathematics in Mt. Union college for several years, and was filling a similar position when he was called home. We deeply mourn our loss, and sympathize with his wife and friends in the hour of their affliction. A consistent christian at all times, a faithful adviser and a true friend, he was the nearest possible approach to the perfect man, and our loss is irreparable.

This sad event rather dampened the enthusiasm of our boys at the annual meeting on the 30th of the same month. Bro. Taft of the supreme council presided, and Bro. Burger of the

RECORD acted as secretary. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Bro. Stanley. After transacting routine business, quite a while was spent in listening to reminiscences from the older brothers. The election of officers resulted as follows: E. A., P. M. Welsh, Shreveport, La.; E. D. A., J. H. Focht, Alliance, Ohio; E. R., U. C. DeFord, Carrollton, Ohio; E. C., H. C. Burger, Boston, Mass.; E. W., H. E. Niesz, Chicago, Ill.; E. Chap., T. E. Cransblet, Omaha, Neb.; Ex. Com., W. S. O'Neal, Zanesville, Ohio, H. C. Combs, Lexington, Ky., F. P. McClure, Newton Falls, O.

On July 30th we received six members into our band. Five of them, Bros. Bentley, Miller, McClure, Excell and Reed came from Ohio Sigma, which is an annual feeder at commencement time. We are glad to have them complete their college course, yet sad to see them leave their *alma mater*. Our other accession was in the person of Prof. W. H. Van Fossan of New Lisbon, O. Bro. Van Fossan graduated from Mt. Union in '78 and again in '82. At his first graduation he received the honor of debate from his literary society. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him in '85. Bro. Van Fossan is a progressive teacher, and has been superintendent of schools at Hanoverton, East Palestine and New Lisbon with genuine success. He does a great deal of work at county institutes, and is also county examiner of his county. He is a worthy addition to our ranks.

"No man liveth unto himself," and in the natural course of events he finds some one for whom to live. Bros. E. L. McMillen, '89, and C. H. Bowman, '90, have realized this beyond their brothers, and are blessed beyond us. Bro. McMillen was married to Miss Kittie Carr of Mt. Union college at her home in Wellsville, O., on the 10th of September. Mrs. McMillen is a member of the Delta Gamma fraternity, and Bro. McMillen is well known as editor of the Belmont County Chronicle. Bro. Bowman and Miss Ida Coates were united in marriage on the 30th of September, at the bride's home in

Alliance. Mrs. Bowman is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music, Mt. Union college, class '90, while Bro. Bowman is known as inventor and constructor of a unique farm implement which will net him a handsome income. Costly presents were given at each wedding, and we unite in wishing them well.

Further items of interest will be found in our column of personals. We have reached our limit, and have gone beyond, hence we shall close. Man's life is composed of the bitter and the sweet; each comes in its turn, and must be met, it cannot be escaped. So in fraternity life—we have our sorrows along with our joys, our grieving with our rejoicing. We do not murmur, but trust wholly in our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well; and while we do not understand, we humbly submit to His will.

Fraternally,

H. C. BURGER,

Boston, Mass.

Kentucky Iota—Bethel College, Russellville.

Ky. Iota has begun another prosperous year. We have to date lead across our mystic threshold three men of promising loyalty. A. E. Davenport, who hails from the Lone Star state, L. D. Blythe, Murray, Ky., who graduates this year, and E. S. Porter, Beach Grove, Ky. We have another "in soak" and others in prospect. Our number now is ten men, five of whom are members of the senior class.

Our chapter has succeeded at last in carrying off some of the honors. Bro. L. J. Buyno of Tennessee received half of the medal given for highest standing.

The other fraternities have always carried off the honors, but we have aroused ourselves and propose to stand at the front. Bro. Buyno gives promise of much greatness and will doubtless make close quarters to the one who beats him this year.

E. T. MOBBERLY.

Mo. Alpha—University of Missouri, Columbia.

This bids fair to be one of the most auspicious years in the history of our institution, so our chapter's prospect is exceedingly bright and promising.

At the opening of school our chapter numbered five men and we have since taken in six who came to us well recommended, so that now Mo. Alpha numbers eleven.

A few mornings ago the students were greeted at chapel by the colors and badges of Kappa Alpha. Our chapter extends to them the hand of true and hearty welcome, wishing them success in their struggle for the accomplishing those aims which by our kindred ties we acknowledge to be grand and noble.

At the opening of this session our students were met by a new president, a gentleman of most high and estimable qualities, and who has shown his executive genius and ability in so much that a prosperous future may be predicted our school.

What has become of the chapter correspondence? Is it that Mo. Alpha "is not in it?" or has she by her own neglect and procrastination forfeited her right to the letters from her brothers? Be it as it may, as for the future let us have more chapter correspondence, that we may be drawn closer together and each chapter may profit by the experience of her sisters.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting representatives from all our chapters at the Atlanta convention, we remain in the bonds of fraternity,

CURTIS HAYDON.

Mich. Iota Beta—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Mich. Iota Beta begins the year with fourteen old men. It is her purpose to close with at least twenty-five. Four of these have already been initiated, while the remainder must be worked for. The task, however, will not be difficult the fellows think, with one man sure already and more on the string. It is with confidence that we state that old S. A. E. has a decided "pull" on the class of men she wants.

We have moved our home since the last RECORD. The house is well located, two blocks from the Campus, at 46 East Liberty street.

The full capacity of the house is fifteen men; at present it is not quite filled. On initiation nights old Billy has the run of the house from garret to cellar, and Billy is not slow in making

himself at home. The fraternity house is a great place for initiations as well as for comfort in general.

The members initiated recently are: L. H. Sabin, G. C. Keech, Wm. Hutchings and R. W. E. Hayes. The first three live in Michigan, while the home of the last is in Illinois.

Three or four men state now that they will attend the convention. They are looking forward to it with much pleasure, anticipating a rousing time. Fraternally, G. P. CHENEY.

Mich. Alpha—Adrian College, Adrian.

Michigan Alpha enjoys prosperity. At the opening of the past year our number was reduced to two, but they were the best fraternity men in the college. It was due largely to their untiring efforts that Alpha has not only retained the high position she has always occupied, but also achieved a series of brilliant victories.

We opened the year with nine active members, one of whom, however, is at present in North Dakota and will not return until later in the term. Recently we added one to our number for whom our rivals worked hard, but after refusing their invitation he accepted ours. On the evening of the initiation our honored editor, Bro. H. H. Cowan, was with us, and made the occasion one for general rejoicing.

In the order of our literary exercises we have adopted much the same plan as that put into practice the past year. All our men have an abundance of work in their literary societies. We have therefore concluded that these should consist of short extemporaneous speeches on subjects of general interest assigned by one of our number, and of impromptu debates on questions chosen by the chapter. This will aid us in acquiring that readiness of speech so important to success in most of the leading professions, and for the cultivation of which no place can furnish better encouragement than our chapter hall, where we meet only sympathizing friends.

We have determined that this year shall be marked with success. This we desire to achieve only through our own

intrinsic merits, relying not on flattery to draw others to our number but on marks of true friendship, and winning the admiration of our fellows not by heaping calumny on our rivals but by proving ourselves gentlemen in society, students in the class room, and men of true moral worth in our conduct towards all. We are conscious of the fact that the moment we depart from this course we are losing sight of the object of our noble order. Fraternally, HENRY HARRER.

Tenn. Eta—S. W. B. University, Jackson.

Eta has organized under very favorable circumstances and flattering prospects.

About one month after the school opened and our boys had collected from their several homes, we began to look among the great amount of students here to find how many of our little band of '90 and '91 were with us again. We called them together and found we were eleven. After our organization was effected and various committees were appointed to look after our private affairs, we discussed our purpose, or rather what we should make our purpose and object during this year. It may not be amiss to note some points brought out in this discussion. We will make it a point that every member of our fraternity attends roll call and chapel exercise every morning; that he will attend each recitation during the day and have every lesson as well prepared as he conveniently can; that he live in peace with his fellow students, and in all things act worthily and wellbecoming. Should one fail in doing the above we will remonstrate with him.

There is some new material in school that we are watching and fancy that we will find some good S. A. E. timber among it. Our idea is to take in all the good material before another fraternity shall organize here, and then let as many come as may we will feel like they can never shake our little band.

With kindest wishes for the success of the RECORD, I am,

Fraternally, MILTON WINHAM.

Pa. Omega—Allegheny College, Meadville.

Since our last letter we have been enjoying that same true fraternal spirit that is always found in Sigma's bond. Fourteen answers to the roll call this term, having added three men to it this term. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Sig. world the three worthy brothers—James Hawthorne, '95, Jno. Dunn, '92, and Virgil Johnson, '93.

The "Sigs.," though the fifth in establishment here, are still at the top of the ladder, head and shoulders above the other four. We acknowledge no superiors in college standing. After the smoke had lifted from the "class election" field of battle seven Sigmas were found to be in office—three in the senior class, including president, three in the sophomore class, including president, and one in the freshman class. We also have three representatives on the college monthly "Campus" and five officers in the battallion.

We are still at home in our chapter house and it is truly the most homelike in Meadville. We would not return to the old "foggy" way of living for our expenses paid in college. We believe that it is the only right way to enjoy college life and we can advise from experience that it would be for the best interest of every chapter to enter upon this somewhat recent departure.

This year finds old Allegheny still steadily on the march to the prize of her high calling, there being four hundred or more students enrolled. Fraternally, FRANK H. BLACKMARR.

During the present year the chapters that have reported in each issue of the RECORD are: Ga. Psi, Ga. Tau, Ala. Iota, Ala. Alpha Mu, S. C. Delta, Va. Pi, Tenn. Zeta, Tenn. Eta, Ohio Alpha Alumnus, Ky. Iota, Mich. Alpha, Mich. Iota Beta and Pa. Omega.

The following have responded to three calls: N. C. Xi, Tenn. Lambda, Tenn. Mu, Ohio Sigma, Ohio Delta, Pa. Sigma Phi, and Iowa Sigma.

Two letters came from S. C. Gamma, S. C. Phi, N. C. Theta, Tenn. Kappa, and Mo. Alpha.

Those writing but once were: Ga. Beta, Ga. Omega Alumnus, Va. Omicron, Tenn. Omega, Miss. Theta, Texas Rho, Ohio Epsilon, N. Y. Alpha, and Col. Chi.

Our letters to Va. Sigma and Miss. Gamma have received no reply whatever.

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Apr. 5, 1891.

Dear Sir and Bro.:

* * * I shall be very happy to continue my subscription to the RECORD. I have never ceased to take it, and always look forward to its coming with pleasure.

Fraternally yours,
J. C. JEFFERIES.

SELMA, Ala., Oct. 20, 1891.*H. H. Cowan. My Dear Bro.:*

I have been very much pleased with the neat, interesting and lively RECORD you have been issuing, and trust you will not again have to contend with any such trouble as that which delayed your last issue. Will be hereafter in Selma.

Yours fraternally, WALTER D. DUNLAP.

WASHINGTON, D. C.*H. H. Cowan. Dear Sir:*

* * * The chapter here was a good one at the time and was composed of very fine material, but as it was composed mostly of southern men the war broke it up.

Most fraternally yours, E. T. FRISTOE.

Who will revive it?

UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL,
RIO DE JANEIRO, U. S., Brazil, May 10, 1891.*My Dear Bro. Cowan:*

Please find enclosed one dollar for my subscription to the RECORD for the current year. I read the RECORD with great interest and watch the progress of the fraternity at large with a vast deal of pleasure. I am much pleased with the action of the last convention in the selection of officers.

Bro. Capers I know personally and I know him to be a live, active and enthusiastic Sig., who will allow no opportunity to pass of making a ten-stroke for the order. You have already

demonstrated the wisdom of the convention's action in regard to the RECORD. But your task is a difficult one, and you must necessarily fall far short of success unless you are encouraged and sustained by our alumni. You should have this support. I can't imagine why so many lose their interest in fraternity matters so soon after leaving college. Though in this distant land my interest in the order has never lessened.

Fraternally yours, CLAUDIUS DOCKERY.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH,

SEWANEE, Tenn., Oct. 21, '91.

H. H. Cowan. Dear Bro.:

Several months ago there appeared in the RECORD an extensive and somewhat varied expression of opinion upon the subject of "Fraternity Extension." I feel that it is a problem upon the right solution of which the future success or failure of S. A. E. largely depends.

As you are doubtless aware, Omega chapter has in the past most strenuously supported the doctrine of "extension," especially in the north, and Omega's delegates to the convention were among those most largely instrumental in breaking through the barrier of sectional prejudice, which wished the fraternity to remain in the south. Omega then favored extension, and Omega now favors extension; but extension in the right direction. We are heartily in favor of the establishment of chapters of S. A. E. at all the colleges of the first rank in the country; but we are most decidedly opposed to the inconsiderate and hasty extension which the fraternity has been pleased to further for the last two or three years.

It is very pleasant and loyal to boast of the number of new chapters recently established; but at the same time remember that S. A. E. has many dead chapters. And those who will look at the matter from an unprejudiced point of view, cannot but acknowledge that we have on our roll chapters which we would do well to exterminate.

Numerical strength is a curse rather than a blessing if the average intellectual and social standing is below the standard which has been maintained in the past, and which we must continue to maintain if we would retain our influential position.

The convention of 1891 should not be allowed to adjourn without adopting some decided policy upon this all important subject, and I trust the policy to be adopted will be a vigorous but conservative one. Fraternally, FRANK COYLES.

IN MEMORIAM.

HALL OF TENN. ZETA, Oct., 5, 1891.

WHEREAS, it hath seemed good to our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, Robert Barton McCallie, be it

Resolved, 1. That he was one of our most loved members. By his genial disposition, warm heart, and manly qualities he won our highest esteem and brotherly love.

2. That while our hearts are saddened by the thought that he will meet with us no more in our fraternal gatherings, yet we believe that the Father of us all knoweth best, and we humbly submit ourselves to his righteous will.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy and our warm christian love, pointing them to the Great Comforter, and praying that the Divine Physician may heal their wounded hearts.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be entered on our minute book, one forwarded to the family of the deceased, and one to the S. A. E. RECORD for publication.

Committee { F. R. GRAVES,
IRVING STONE,
W. T. STAKELY,

HALL OF TENN. ZETA, Sept. 23, 1891.

WHEREAS, God in his allwise providence hath seen fit to remove from this earth and its cares our beloved and honored brother, Rev. R. F. Bunting, D. D., therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we young men have lost a beloved friend and wise counsellor, our fraternity has lost an honored member and the cause of Christ a noble champion.

2. That while we may no more hear his voice, we will ever cherish in our hearts his words of wisdom; and though we may not see his form with our human eyes, yet the memory of his good deeds is constantly before us, and his noble life spent in the cause of truth and righteousness will be an example for us.

3. That while our hearts bleed in sympathy with the family of our deceased brother, we humbly bow before the will of a righteous God, and point them to that one who alone can comfort and sustain in all times of sorrow.

4. That a page of our minute book be devoted to these resolutions, a copy of them be forwarded to the family of the deceased and one furnished the S. A. E. RECORD for publication.

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GREEK GOSSIP.

The convention of Phi Delta Theta met in Atlanta, Ga., last month. They meet next year in Syracuse, N. Y.

The Chi Phi convention meets in Atlanta, Ga., this month, and S. A. E. follows next. Atlanta seems to be popular with the Greeks.

It is rumored the Chi Phi will soon enter the Ga. Tech. Ins. at Atlanta.

Kappa Alpha has entered the University of Missouri.

The local fraternity of Delta Theta at Lombard university, once a chapter of D. T. D., has become a chapter of Sigma Nu.

A new fraternity has appeared at Ohio State university—Sigma Nu.

The members of three fraternities are familiarly known as "Sigs," viz: S. A. E., Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu. When the consolidation process prophesied by Mr. Baird sets in will this form sufficient basis for a Tri-Sigma fraternity?

The last convention of Sigma Chi adopted this yell: "Hi Hi Hi, Hi Hi Hi, Hi Hi Hi, Sigma Chi."

The University of Michigan will spend \$4,500 to fit up a new athletic field this season.

Dr. Seaver of Yale has compiled statistics of tobacco users in the present senior class. Seventy per cent. do not use tobacco in any form. Of all who received appointments 84 3-10 per cent. did not use it. In the Junior class, of those who received appointments, 95 per cent. did not use it.—*T. D. C. Shield.*

Cornell last year completed a Y. M. C. A. building at a cost of \$60,000.

Psi Upsilon is building an addition to her Ann Arbor chapter house costing \$5,000.

Kappa Alpha has levied a catalogue assessment on her members.

Allegheny college has had \$10,000 added to its endowment fund.

The convention of Phi Gamma Delta was held in Pittsburgh, Pa. in October.

Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Kappa Psi have established chapters at Hampden-Sidney college, and Sigma Chi has revived her chapter there.

The Kappa Alpha Theta society is building a chapter house at the University of California.

Kappa Sigma is credited by many of our contemporaries with having a chapter at Johns Hopkins. This announcement was made by the fraternity itself while in convention in Baltimore during the Christmas holidays. As yet the chapter has not put in an appearance, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of several members of the fraternity in the city and university.
—*P. G. D. Quarterly.*

Phi Delta Theta is said to have already entered the new Leland-Stanford university.

The class of '91 at Ann Arbor numbered 620. Hon. Thos. F. Bayard addressed the law class.

The total attendance at Ohio Wesleyan university last year was 1,150.

Last year Cornell had 1,390 students.

A Pan-Hellenic meeting was held last spring at the University of Tennessee to consider the complaint of Kappa Sigma against the T. D. S. society. Evidence was presented by Kappa Sigma which the meeting decided to be true, showing that T. D. S. was founded upon stolen works of K. S. Nothing came of the decision however, as Phi Gamma Delta became disgruntled and withdrew from the Pan-Hellenic arrangement. In speaking of the action of S. A. E. in the matter, the K. S. correspondent says: "It is due Tenn. K. of S. A. E. to say that they have acted in this matter so as to merit, in our opinion, the commendation, not only of its own fraternity, but also of the entire Greek world."

A Pan-Hellenic banquet will be given in Chattanooga, Tenn., November 24, and S. A. E. will be represented by Tenn. Alpha

Alumnus. Of twenty-seven fraternities represented in Chattanooga, S. A. E. leads the list with eighteen men. A Pan-Hellenic association has been formed there and all fraternities in the city have heartily entered into it, except Phi Delta Phi who has declared against it.

Tennessee is now the banner state of S. A. E., having in her bounds six active and one alumnus chapters. No other fraternity has so wide-spread a membership throughout the state as S. A. E., and it is constantly increasing.

EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

Our exchanges will please notice our new box number and correct their mailing lists accordingly.

In her *Journal*, Kappa Alpha has a publication of which she may justly be proud. The late numbers contain portraits and biographies of prominent alumni.

A "chapter house fund" has been much discussed. We presume the sensible conclusion will finally be reached that this is a problem each chapter must solve for itself and the sooner it undertakes it the better.

The June *Journal* contains an interesting article on "Secret Society System at Yale," specimen pages of the new catalogue, and a valuable statistical table.

Kappa Alpha recently instituted a sub rosa chapter, a practice discontinued by all the leading fraternities.

The May *Beta Theta Pi*, opens with a very readable article on university and fraternity clubs. The oldest of the university clubs is that of New York, and the honor of founding it belongs to Yale.

Jealousy between the Harvard and Yale men at one time nearly caused its disruption, but now it is very prosperous, has 1,700 members—its limit—and a large waiting list.

After the Harvard men withdrew from the university club, they formed one of their own. It is now a house-holder and has nearly 600 members.

The Princeton men also have a club of 300 members but no house as yet.

Outside of New York there are university clubs at St. Louis, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago and Kansas City.

To Delta Psi belongs the credit of having founded the first club on fraternity lines. The St. Anthony club, organized in 1879, and named from the cross of their badge, is a very exclusive affair. None but Delta Psis ever enter the house and even undergraduate members are forbidden some parts of it. The other fraternities maintaining clubs, in the order of their establishment, are Zeta Psi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and the newly organized club of Theta Delta Chi. Of these the D. K. E. club is the largest, having a membership of over 500. Its library contains probably the most complete collection of college and fraternity publications in existence.

Both college and fraternity clubs without exception prohibit gambling. The expenses range from ten to forty dollars per annum in the fraternity clubs and average about fifty dollars in the college clubs. But five of the B. T. P.'s sixty odd chapters are represented by letters in this issue.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta is certainly one of the best of our exchanges. It is a quarterly of 92 pages and ably conducted. The October number contains two fine chapter groups, and a very readable review of college annuals. Editor Brown thinks he has discovered a chapter of S. A. E. at Finlay college, O. Our experience is that the chapter list found in the average college annual—his source of information—is a delusion and a snare.

Ranking with the *Scroll* comes the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi. The *Shield* is always handsomely illustrated and in mechanical finish it has no equal. The editorials are always a

treat. Editor Holmes never dodges an issue, but always says exactly what he means in "good plain United States English." In speaking of the ever present difficulty of getting chapter letters, he says: "If the charges have not sufficient fraternity interest to supply the letters the *Shield* will be published without them. It requires more effort on the part of the editor to get a full list of letters than to do all the rest of the work."

The September number contains an account of the Pan-Hellenic banquet held at Chautauqua August 6th. Eleven fraternities were represented by about fifty men. S. A. E was represented by Bro. M. L. Barr, Ohio Delta '90, who gave an eloquent response to the toast, "The Present Occasion."

S. A. E's have always considered membership in our order as a high honor, but do we prize it as highly as we should?

"Not long ago the editor heard from an entirely outside observer a statement to the effect that the college fraternities represented an intellectual aristocracy. This is coming to be more and more a recognized truth, though it is only a half truth. The world at large has very little reverence for mere learning, but it has a great and growing respect for a well disciplined mind and for the broadening and refining influence which a college training has upon the whole man. While the members are seldom chosen for scholarship alone, or for social position alone, the fraternities do unquestionably represent the best intellectual and social life of our colleges. Though a man had the blood of all the Howards in his veins, if he were a boor or a sneak he would not be admitted to any reputable fraternity, and one always at the foot of his class would need to have very great redeeming personal qualities to secure an election. The standard of admission to all the fraternities is very much the same, and the most loyal men, when the strife of college days is over, admit this, and recognize a community of thought and aim in all. As fraternity men we see in the wearer of any reputable fraternity badge, wherever we may meet him, a man who is pledged to honor and loyalty, whose motto is *Noblesse oblige*. This is the aristocracy which is represented by the fraternities."

What is your chapter meeting for? "The very highest object of a fraternity is to provide for the student while in college a time and place for the cultivation of all that is sweetest and best in his social nature. The literary societies afford ample opportunity for debate and oratorical display, the class-room for argument and the study hall for investigation. After the day's work is done and due preparation made for the next, what is better than a social hour? The mind must have relief. The brain is fed and strengthened by the change thus afforded. Gather yourselves together, sing the songs, tell the stories, and let your hearts be glad that you have so many true friends. Then when you leave your college cradle and find yourself struggling on the storm-tossed waves of a painfully practical "bread and butter" existence far away from home and friends, the memory of those happy hours and the friendships then created will be a priceless boon to comfort you during the weary hours and dreary days."

The *Shield* contains the only account we have seen of the ladies' Pan-Hellenic convention held in Boston April 15th:

"To Kappa Gamma is due the credit of bringing about this convention. If one may judge from the reports, the sisters had a delightful time and dispersed well satisfied with their work. Their deliberations were sensible and their conclusions statesmanlike. It was decided to have a Pan-Hellenic convention in Chicago in 1893."

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu hails from Hiawatha, Kan. Sigma Nu though one of the youngest of college fraternities is rapidly coming into prominence owing to its vigorous extension policy and bids fair to outstrip some of its more conservative rivals. Sigma Nu is building for the future. The *Delta* announces new chapters at De Pauw, Lombard and Ohio State universities. Its 35 pages are full of interesting fraternity matter. Success to the "Sigs" of Sigma Nu.

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma has reached Vol. 1. No. 3. It has not attempted to follow as yet the craze for illustrations, so

catching to most fraternity publications. The July issue notes the formation of our alumni association in Va.

The July *Palm* of A. T. O. contains a fine portrait of Mr. Jas. B. Green, a member of the high council. On May 29th the Michigan chapters of A. T. O. held their annual convention at Hillsdale. The exercises closed with a banquet—who ever heard of a fraternity convention closing in any other way.

“U-rah! U-rah! Wer’e the boys of Alpha Tau! U-rah! U-rah! Michigan, Michigan, Alpha Tau!” was the yell adopted. They meet at Ann Arbor next.

What has become of S. A. E. state associations?

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* for June is finely illustrated. “The Story of the Pi Chapter” is the opening article. We hoped to have a history of Tenn. Lambda in this issue of the RECORD but failed to secure material. Lambda was the first chapter established by Mother Mu. We would like to take up the history of each chapter in the order of its establishment.

“Phi Gamma Delta in Literature” and “Phi Gamma Delta War Retrospects,” should suggest interesting subject to our RECORD’s contributors.

The *Rainbow* of D. T. D. has not appeared since April. That number contained a picture and description of Bethany college, the birthplace of the fraternity, an historical article on Extinct Chapters—another suggestion to S. A. E. writers—and a slap at Mr. Baird.

E. S. A.'S DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF E. S. A. OF S. A. E., GREENVILLE, S. C.

OFFICIAL.

(To be read before the Chapter.)

MY DEAR BROTHERS:

You are aware that the Cincinnati Convention fixed Augusta, Ga., as the city in which our next convention, 28th December, was to meet. The invitation to meet in Augusta was extended by Bro. W. H. Westmoreland, the delegate from the Alumnus Chapter in that city, and while he had no expression or instruction from his Chapter to extend the invitation, he felt satisfied that by his own personal efforts, assisted by his brother alumni, he could make the convention a success.

About four months ago Brother Westmoreland moved away from Augusta and is now living in Montgomery, Ala. When I was advised of this I at once wrote other alumni in the city as to their desire and ability to arrange for and entertain the convention; for while I was more than satisfied that our Alumnus brothers were in every respect right royal and truly loyal Sigs, I knew that almost without exception they were comparatively older men, active and at work in the several business engagements of life. Bro. T. R. Gibson, at this time the moving spirit of the Alumnus Chapter in Augusta, replied to one of my letters substantially as follows:

"I find it very hard to get an organized effort on the part of our alumni, all of whom are very busy, and in Westmoreland's absence I will have the work for arrangement, etc., to do, unassisted to a great extent. Why not have the convention in some city where, with an active chapter at college and the outside assistance of alumni, everything could be arranged in detail and order? I think that for the good of the order and the success of the convention some other place should be selected for the convention to meet."

When I received this communication I at once placed it and the accompanying facts before the Supreme Council and they agreed with me that we should select another place. I wrote to Montgomery, Eaufaula, Chattanooga, Nashville, Atlanta and other cities, but received satisfactory encouragement and positive invitation only from Atlanta, Ga. They will welcome us and are already making every effort for a grand convention.

Our next convention will therefore meet in Atlanta, Georgia, Monday, 28th December, 1891.

By order

JOHN G. CAPERS, E. S. A.

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CHAPTERS.

So far the reports from the various chapters, all the way from New York Alpha at Cornell to Texas Rho at the State university, are encouraging. Graduation of course thinned out our ranks to some extent, but the most active work has characterized our men who returned to college. I can feel the touch of conservatism in their work and entirely approve that plan of action; but at the same time I rejoice to notice an activity and vigilance which will keep our membership up to a strong and dignified number.

One active chapter and one alumnus chapter have been added to our list since September 1st. Ky. Kappa at Central university, Richmond, was re-organized under its old charter on the 23d of September, and Bro. L. L. Bright, who was instrumental in its rejuvenation, has sent in a most satisfactory report of his work, and the records in my office speaks for the earnestness of our men, who seem well able to put new and long life into this resurrected chapter.

Through the active work of Bro. Garrard G. Harris the Sigs. of Chattanooga have been organized into an alumnus chapter (Tenn. Alpha Alumnus), and our men there, young and old, are as enthusiastic as if surrounded in their organization by the associations, privileges and pleasures of a college chapter.

No charter has been handed in and every consistent effort is being made to resurrect old and place new charters.

REVISED CONSTITUTION.—I have just finished the task of

revising our constitution, and it is now ready for distribution; the most accurate edition we have ever had, embracing every act, resolution and amendment passed at the Atlanta, Columbia, Nashville, Charlotte and Cincinnati conventions of 1886, '87, '88, '89, '90, and in the work I have earnestly endeavored to place our constitution and code of laws in a perfect and convenient edition.

SECRET WRITTEN PORTIONS—I have also prepared sufficient manuscript, for all the chapters, of the secret written portions of our constitution—paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Section I., Article IX., omitted from the printed edition by order of the convention of 1879.

This work, as well as the revision of our constitution, required long and laborious effort on my part, but I will feel amply repaid if the chapters will only notify me at once of just what they need from my office, and they earnestly apply themselves to the study of our constitution and code of laws and ritual.

DUES OF MEMBERS.—Let me assure you my brother, that your E. S. A., dislikes more than he can express here, to be forced in many instances to repeat his notices of your dues; but the law is so plain and so well arranged for the financial convenience of members that there is really no excuse for the often times persistent delay in this matter, and demands on our general treasury require so much cash on hand at all times. Relieve me by prompt payment of the only unpleasant correspondence which I ever have with my brothers, for I would rejoice to let our financial correspondence consist only in your check for the amount due and my receipt for the same. Were that the case, my time in correspondence with you would be a record of good work and good cheer. I must do my duty my brothers; assist me by your prompt, earnest efforts.

I hope that we may all meet in Atlanta, for convention Dec 28th. I want our northern brothers to be present with their energy and action. I want our western brothers with their sturdy, steady manhood to be there also, and I want to see the impulsive, manly southerners in this busy city to welcome their brothers to their hearts and homes.

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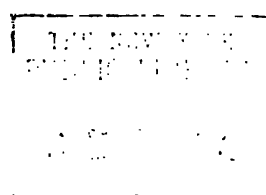
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 " Theta Alumnus Charlotte, N. C.
 Va. Omicron University of Virginia University of Va.
 " Pi (sub rosa) Emory and Henry Col. Emory Va.
 " Sigma Wash. & Lee University. Lexington, Va.

PROVINCE C.

Tenn. Omega (G. C.)..... University of the South Sewanee, Tenn.
 " Zeta S. W. Presbyterian University Clarksville, Tenn.
 " Lambda Cumberland University Lebanon, Tenn.
 " Eta S. W. Baptist University Jackson Tenn.
 " Nu Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tenn.
 " Kappa University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn.
 " Alpha Alumnus Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Miss. Gamma University of Mississippi Oxford, Miss.
 " Theta (sub rosa) Agricultural College Miss.
 " Theta Alumnus Starkville, Miss.
 " Gamma Alumnus Meridian, Miss.
 Texas Rho University of Texas Austin, Tex.

PROVINCE D.

Ohio Sigma (G. C.)..... Mt. Union College Alliance, Ohio.
 " Delta Ohio Wesleyan University Delaware, Ohio.
 " Epsilon University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, Ohio.
 " Alpha Alumnus Alliance, Ohio.
 Ky. Iota Bethel college Russellville, Ky.
 " Kappa Central University Richmond, Ky.
 " Alpha Beta Alumnus Nicholasville, Ky.
 Mo. Alpha University of Missouri Columbia, Mo.
 Mich. Alpha Adrian College Adrian Michigan.
 " Iota Beta University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Pa. Omega Alleghany College Meadville, Pa.
 " Sigma Phi Dickinson College Carlisle, Pa.
 Iowa Sigma Simpson College Indianola, Iowa.
 New York Alpha Cornell University Ithaca, N. Y.
 Colo. Chi University of Colorado Boulder, Colo.
 " Zeta " Denver Denver, Colo.

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SONNET TO S. A. E.

Greeting, Fraternity; a conqu'ring year
We wish to all the members in thy fold:
May thy dear precepts make thy followers bold,
Courageous, valiant, strangers to all fear
While fighting for the truths thou makest dear;
May they be brave as gallant knights of old,
Be firm as steel and pure as purest gold;
May truth and virtue in their lives appear.

And then to thee, thou loved Fraternity—
To thee we'll turn in songs of loudest praise;
To thee we'll raise our song of victory;
To thee we'll tune and sing our sweetest lays,
Oh, blest Fraternity; and mayst thou be
A help, as ever, in the coming days.

H. C. BURGER,

Boston University, January 11th, 1892.

WILLIAM HUNTER WASHINGTON.

William Hunter Washington was born September 9th, 1853, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where he spent his boyhood days. Early in life he developed a taste for books.

After making a splendid record in the town schools he attended, his father gave him the opportunity of acquiring that liberal college culture which has been his adornment and foundation for life's work.

He entered the sophomore class of Washington College

(now Washington and Lee University), in the fall of 1867. There his industriousness and gentlemanly bearing won for him in his first year, an election to the Virginia Sigma chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Sigma has always clung tenaciously to the idea of exclusiveness,—so much so that at times the chapter has crippled itself by having depleted ranks—but membership in it has always been esteemed a high honor by the students, and to say that Brother Washington was admitted in his entrance year is enough endorsement for the impression he made as a sophomore student.

He was graduated with distinction in the class of '70. That matchless man and teacher, Gen. Robert E. Lee, who was then president of Washington College, took quite a lively interest in young Washington. Gen. Lee gave him frequent testimonials of his regard and approval during his course, and at graduation wrote Mr. Washington's father a letter conferring special praise upon his son for his faithfulness, industry and literary achievements.

As a student, Bro. Washington was popular and public-spirited. He was elected by his literary society to represent them as its annual orator. This position he filled with signal ability, delivering a speech much in advance of the usual run of college orations.

As a fraternity man and an S. A. E. worker Bro. Washington was one of the models. He got much enjoyment out of his fraternity associations, to which he has so often and beautifully alluded at the later fraternity gatherings.

Besides his interest in Sigma chapter he was a worker in other ways, and was the founder of the old Tenn. (M.) Omega chapter at Union university, in his native city. He has frequently attended the national conventions of the fraternity, and at the Nashville convention of 1871 won the medal for oratory.

A pathetic incident of this same little trophy—a medal bearing the badge of the order on it—was told me by Brother Frank Cheatham: At the Nashville Convention of 1883, Bro. Washington responded eloquently to a toast on "Woman." In the



HON. W. H. WASHINGTON,
Sigma '60.

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midst of his speech he held up this medal to the banqueters and said, "the first woman that wins my heart shall wear this." It was fulfilled. Bro. Washington wooed and won Miss——, an accomplished and beautiful young woman. She wore that trophy for a while, and its winner was one of the happiest and fondest of husbands. But a cruel fate was soon to take the life of his lovely bride, and now, hallowed by new associations, the medal presented by his fraternity was laid away among a few treasures that are hid from light.

Brother Washington next entered the law class of Cumberland University where he graduated with high honors. Here he associated pleasantly with the boys of Tenn. Lambda chapter for one session. He then entered the senior law class of University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he obtained his sheep-skin in the class of 1873.

Returning to Murfreesboro, eminently fitted for his chosen profession, he began the practice of law in 1874. He was so successful that in 1878 he was elected attorney general of the Nashville district of Tennessee—an office which he filled with ability for eight years.

He then moved to Nashville where he has resided ever since. In several noted cases while holding the office of attorney general, Bro. Washington made himself somewhat famous. One was the successful prosecution in 1883 of Morris T. Polk, the defaulting state treasurer, who embezzled \$366,000 and was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years. This case was notable as the first conviction of a government officer after the war, in the South. Other noted cases in which he was successful were the conviction of the Nashville *Banner* for slandering the officers of the penitentiary; the defense of Joseph R. Banks for killing Editor John J. Littleton, and the case of Acklin vs. Acklin, in which heirs broke the will of Mrs. W. R. Cheatham, involving an estate of \$350,000. In short, as a criminal lawyer Brother Washington has hardly an equal in Tennessee.

In 1886, upon going out of office, Mr. Washington entered into a law partnership with Mr. Thomas M. Steger. In 1890 Mr. R. F. Jackson was admitted to the firm, and now the style

of the partnership is "Steger, Washington & Jackson." This firm now acts as the attorney for fully a score of the most important business firms and corporations in the country.

He is still the same enthusiastic, warm-hearted, progressive Sig that he was when a college boy. Any brother who may call at his office now and announce his membership in S. A. E. will be shown into the inner sanctum where the heartiest of receptions will be given him by that prince of brothers and most royal Sig—William Hunter Washington.

ACTIVE AND ALUMNI.

A Union Meeting of the Atlanta and College Members.

The S. A. Es. of Atlanta had a royal gathering last night.

It was a reception given to the resident members of the city by the boys of the chapter at the Technological institute.

Forty-five "Sigs" gathered at the dining hall of Vigneaux's restaurant by 8 o'clock where they were heartily welcomed by the students of Tau chapter.

Mr. H. H. Cabaniss, an alumnus of Beta chapter of the University of Georgia, presided at the banquet.

For an hour quite an elaborate menu occupied the guests, after which came the after-dinner speeches.

Mr. Hooper Alexander, a Beta alumnus, opened the talks by stating the occasion of the gathering. It was to promote a more intimate fellowship between the college S. A. Es. of Georgia, and those who were out in active life; to form a permanent association between both bodies; and particularly to complete arrangements for entertaining the national convention of the order, which convenes in Atlanta on December 28th.

The orator of the evening was then introduced—Judge Howard Van Epps, of Beta chapter—who is accustomed to sound the slogan at meetings of the S. A. E. clan.

Judge VanEpps, made an eloquent speech on "Friendship." He pictured the beauties of fellowship based on noble and enduring principles, dwelling with much pathos on the earlier ties of life, especially those of the college fraternity, which are never effaced.

Messrs. Lewis W. Thomas and Walter R. Brown, also alumni of Beta chapter, made enthusiastic speeches on fraternity life, and each recalled many humorous incidents in college experience.

Mr George Freeman, a student at the Technological school gave a history of the organization and progress of Tau chapter. In behalf of his associates, he asked for the interest and co-operation of every resident member, cordially inviting them to attend the regular meeting of the college chapter.

Two-minute speeches followed from the entire gathering. Every member present joined in the wish to perpetuate a firm league between the active and alumnus Sigs of Atlanta.

It was voted to have another banquet within a month, at which the absent half of the Atlanta members would be urged to attend, and to hold three or four such meetings annually hereafter.

Mr. Hooper Alexander was elected president of the association and H. S. Bunting secretary. —*Atlanta Constitution*, Nov. 17, 1891.

THE CONVENTION.

The thirty-fifth annual convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has passed into history. Long a bright anticipation to many, it will ever be a happy recollection to those who were fortunate enough to attend.

As early as Christmas day the delegates began to drop into the Gate city of the South. Among the first arrivals being representatives from north of the Potomac and from the shores

of the great lakes. By Sunday a considerable number had arrived. In the morning they attended the First Baptist church in a body. In the afternoon a party under the guidance of Bro. H. S. Bunting visited some of the battle-fields and other points of interest about the city; and the evening was spent by some loitering about the corridors of the Kimball, while others sought out the various churches of the city, the largest delegation choosing the First Methodist.

Church over, what might be termed the first session of the convention was held in the parlors of the Kimball House. It was a purely social meeting, however, and the only business on hand was that of getting acquainted with the delegates from the various sections and exchanging the grip of S. A. E. The occasion was made more enjoyable by the presence of many of the Atlanta alumni.

Eleven o'clock Monday morning of the 28th ult., found the delegates assembled in the senate chamber of Georgia's capitol, thrown open for their use by a special resolution of the Georgia senate. Thanks to the Sig members of that body. In the meantime the early morning trains had brought many fresh arrivals and the numbers were considerably augmented.

Owing to the absence of both the president and first vice-president of the last convention, it fell to the lot of the Record man to call the assembly to order. After the tap of the gavel, Brother James Clemens, of Pa. Sigma Phi, led the convention in prayer, and then committees were appointed on credentials and permanent organization.

The roll of duly accredited delegates having been completed, the committee on permanent organization reported the following as officers of the convention : President G. M. Harton, Mich. Alpha; First vice-president, J. Washington Moore, Tenn. Nu.; second vice-president, H. S. Bunting, Tenn. Zeta; secretary, William Weston, Jr., South Carolina Delta; assistant secretaries, W. G. Timberlake, Tenn. Eta and Ed. B. Mell, Ala., Alpha Mu.; chaplain, Jas. Clemens Pa. Sigma Phi.; Sergeant-at-arms, Rodgers Davis, Ga. Tau.

Bro. H. S. Bunting then introduced to the convention Bro. H. H. Cabaniss, Ga. Beta '69, business manager of the *Atlanta Journal*, and assistant secretary to the senate, who delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the resident alumni.

Bro. Cabaniss extended a warm welcome and hearty greeting to the visiting brothers. He spoke of the tender ties and happy associations that bind the alumnus to his college days, and depicted in an amusing manner the increasing arrogance of the college boy as he passes from freshman to senior year and finally mounts the graduating rostrum, feeling that the earth and the fullness thereof are his. He spoke of the various organizations he had belonged to, many of whose names even he had forgotten, but when he stated that the name of S. A. E. had been ever dear, and her grip never forgotten, the senate chamber rang with applause, and when he referred to the fact that no vestiges of sectionalism remain where fraternity's ties exists, he voiced the sentiment of all. Through the kindness of Bro. Cabaniss we are able to present his portrait in this issue.

The response to the address of welcome was made by the E. S. A., Bro. J. G. Capers. South Carolina is noted for her oratory, and Bro. Capers is a characteristic South Carolinian. He spoke of the warm appreciation with which the welcome was received, dwelt on the successful work of the year and the bright future prospects of the order, concluding his remarks with this beautiful sentiment:

"One heart for all,
All hearts for one—
In Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

The *Atlanta Journal* says: "His reply was polished and bright, full of genial interest and pithy expressions, and was punctuated with frequent applause."

After the speech-making came the reports of officers. The E. S. A. presented a very gratifying financial statement, although there is still room for improvement along this line. All the reports indicated that while we have not had a boom

during the past year, yet we have made substantial progress in all directions.

The only further business of importance on Monday was the appointment of the regular committees. The evening was given to committee meetings, theater going or social chats, as the delegates were inclined for work or pleasure.

On Tuesday three sessions were held—morning, afternoon and evening—all of which were devoted to the hearing and discussion of committee reports.

This is a matter that is usually disposed of in less than a day, but this year the committees were workers, the reports long, and the changes recommended radical, and two full days were consumed before the last one was finally disposed of.

The question that caused the most discussion was the proposition to change the form of government, to take from the E. S. A. the duties of treasurer and collector and to give them to an officer to be known as the E. S. T. This proposition finally carried and also the one to make the supreme council consist of the E. S. A., the E. S. T. and four province presidents.

Another knotty problem was the catalogue. After much discussion the action of the last convention was finally so modified that while the whole work was placed under the control of one chapter, Pa. Sigma Phi, the actual work of collecting and arranging the data is to be done by the grand chapters. The grand chaptership, by the way, is made a reward of merit, going each year to the most deserving chapter, thus insuring the most efficient service.

Extension of course came up for consideration. Several charters were granted conditionally, others were refused. The manner of granting charters was somewhat modified to make it less cumbersome, but the trend of sentiment on this question seemed to be toward a more conservative policy.

The committee on jewelry placed Messrs. Wright, Kay & Co., of Detroit, Mich., on the list of official jewelers, and also recommended that no jeweler be considered official or patronized who does not advertise in the RECORD.

A secret publication for members only was provided for, to be under the supervision of the E. S. A.

The song-book committee made a final report and the matter is now in the hands of the Supreme Council and will probably be published in pamphlet form before the close of the year.

Unless the chapters refuse to give their approval, S. A. E. has initiated her last honorary member. So at least the convention ordered.

A committee on the selection of a fraternity flower, reported in favor of the violet, which was adopted.

The Supreme Council was instructed to look after the matter of incorporation and a committee was appointed to prepare designs for a fraternity flag and submit them to the next convention.

The Supreme Council was also authorized to designate some day to be observed by all the chapters, active and alumni, as founder's day, and to suggest appropriate exercises therefor, that due honor may be paid to the men who conceived and instituted Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

On Wednesday morning the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and here, as in every other proceeding of the convention, a spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed.

Brother Capers having expressed an unwillingness to assume the duties of E. S. A. under the new law, it became necessary to find a new incumbent for that honorable position. Bro. H. S. Bunting, the most tireless, enthusiastic and unselfish of all S. A. E. workers, was undoubtedly the first choice of every delegate present, but he gracefully declined a nomination, urging as a reason a lack of time and business engagements.

Bro. J. Washington Moore, Tenn. Mu, was unanimously elected to the position. Bro. Moore is a man highly qualified to fill this office and one of whom the fraternity may justly feel proud to have as her chief executive. As a fraternity worker

Bro. Moore is known as the reorganizer of Tenn. Mu, and it is largely owing to his personal efforts that S. A. E. occupies her present enviable position in Vanderbilt. As a scholar and orator, Bro. Moore has a record unequalled by any man in active fraternity work, having won no less than ten medals during his college career, his crowning effort being at the University of Virginia last spring, where he won the palm for oratory over all the leading southern universities.

Bro. J. G. Capers was unanimously elected to fill the new office of E. S. T., and the RECORD was unanimously placed under the old management for another year. The associate editors are L. G. Bugbee, Tex. Rho; Paul M. North, Col. Chi; Garrard G. Harris, Tenn. Alpha Alumnus; G. P. Cheney, Mich. Iota Beta; H. C. Burger, Ohio Sigma and H. S. Bunting, Ga. Alpha Alumnus.

Province peesidents were elected as follows: Prov. A, D. J. Castleman Jr., Greensboro, Ala.; Prov. B, J. D. Bellamy Jr., Wilmington, N. C.; Prov. C, P. C. West Jr., Fort Smith, Ark.; Prov. D, Albert Austin, Delaware, O.

On Wednesday afternoon occurred an event unusual to conventions—an initiation. Mr. W. G. Cooper, one of the editorial writers on the *Atlanta Constitution*, was about fifteen years ago a student at the University of Georgia, where he was elected to membership in Georgia Beta chapter. Owing, however, to the action of the faculty at that time adverse to fraternities and conscientious scruples on the part of Mr. Cooper, he was never initiated. He has ever regarded S. A. E. as *his* fraternity, and always speaks of Beta as “my chapter,” and Beta in return has always regarded him as one of her elect. In the presence of the entire convention the officers of Georgia Beta completed the steps begun fifteen years ago, by initiating Mr. Cooper into full membership. Our beautiful ritual was carried out in full, making it a most impressive scene.

It was nearly seven o'clock on Wednesday evening before the final tap of the gavel announced that the three days of hard work were over, and that the delegates were at liberty to repair to their rooms and make a hasty preparation for the feast prepared by the Atlanta alumni.

CONVENTION COMMENTS.

Prof. J. J. Earle, of State College, Fla., was a constant attendant.

Our ex-E. S. A., Bro. T. S. Mell, was one of the convention's welcome visitors.

Now that we have Moore officers, the chapters will have less chance to cut up Capers.

Old Sol favored the convention with some of his best specimens of southern winter weather.

Among the last delegates to depart were D. J. Castleman, C. S. Andrews, A. M. Austin, and H. H. Cowan.

We wonder if "Ru-rah ru-rah ru-rah-ree, ru-rah ru-rah S. A. E." is not still floating somewhere about the capitol's dome or the Kimball's corridors.

The violet had been the chosen flower of the fraternity less than thirty minutes when members appeared on the convention floor proudly wearing the new emblem.

One of the pleasant side issues of the convention was a quiet little Sig tea-party at the home of Bro. J. N. Craig, Jr., participated in by several of the Atlanta and visiting brothers.

"Judge" Williams gravely declared the Sig convention to be the finest body of men he had ever beheld. Rather hard on our Phi Delta Theta and Chi Phi friends, and the Georgia Senate.

The state authorities, the *Constitution* and *Journal* received the thanks of the convention for their considerate treatment. The courteous city editor of the *Constitution*, Mr. Ohl, is a D. K. E., and our Bro. Bunting is a reporter on the same paper. On the *Journal* we have Bro. Cabaniss as manager.

The song book agitation has borne fruit. When the convention assembled on Monday morning a neat little pamphlet was distributed containing selected songs of S. A. E., some

original, others rearranged, so that we have the nucleus of a song book, even if it was necessary to "spoil the Philistines."

One of the most pleasant features of the convention was the visits from prominent alumni in the city. Among those present were: Rev. Dr. Heidt, Rev. Mr. Jameson, Mr. C. H. Brandt, Mr. H. H. Cabaniss, Mr. Hooper Alexander, Mr. Harvey Johnson and others, each of whom favored the convention with a few remarks.

Under Bro. Clemens' able leadership every session was opened with song, and every intermission found a group of happy Sigs singing "Here's to S. A. E.," "Good night, brothers," "Dear S. A. E. to thee," "Sigs are the boys we love," etc. The songs added much to the pleasure of the convention, and did much to promote that spirit of harmony which characterized the entire proceedings.

No one individual contributed so much to the success of the Atlanta convention as our hard-working young brother, H. S. Bunting. The details of preparation were largely in his hands, and in the convention hall he naturally took a leading part though perhaps the youngest alumnus present. As a fraternity worker he has an unparalleled record. Ky. Iota, Tenn. Kappa and Col. Chi. all stand as monuments to his zeal. It was only a fitting token of appreciation that he was offered the highest honor in the gift of the fraternity.

General G. P. Harrison, a veteran S. A. E. of Opelika, Ala., heard of the convention, closed his law office and came to Atlanta to attend its sessions. He appeared on the convention floor wearing the badge he had been proud to wear in '58 at old Georgia Military Institute, and which he has treasured as one of the things dear to his heart. He made the convention a rousing speech, full of devotion to S. A. E.

At the outbreak of the civil war Bro. Harrison entered the Confederate army as second lieutenant. His valiant service soon led to his promotion and he rose to the rank of brigadier. After the war he was made brigadier general of the Alabama militia, was a member of the Alabama constitutional convention in 1875, served eight years in the Alabama senate, for two

years as its president. At present he is counsel for the Western railway.

Old Ga. Pi was one of the first chapters established, and Gen. Harrison was well acquainted with De Votie and other pioneer Sigs.

The following were the duly accredited delegates at the Atlanta convention:

Supreme Council—J. G. Capers.

Ga. Beta—W. M. Draper, Marion Hull, T. C. Hull, J. D. Mell, T. S. Mell, J. C. Mell.

Ga. Psi—W. S. Johns, G. A. Johns, W. E. Godfrey, C. T. Brown.

Ga. Tau—J. W. Bridge, Rodger W. Davis, George Freeman.

Ga. Alpha Alumnus—A. J. Smith, Hooper Alexander, H. S. Bunting, Harvey Johnson, Frank Fontaine, Judge Howard Van Epps, J. N. Craig, Jr. Rev. J. W. Heidt, D. D., Walter R. Brown, L. W. Thomas.

Ala. Iota—J. D. Castleman, Jr.

Ala. Alpha Mu—E. B. Mell, C. H. Smith, C. S. Andrews, B. H. Crenshaw, A. H. Hall.

S. C. Delta—W. B. Capers, Wm. Weston, Jr.

S. C. Gamma—D. W. Daniel.

S. C. Phi—B. J. Whitmire, Jas. I. Earle, M. A. Connors.

N. C. Theta—H. R. Murchison.

N. C. Xi—J. D. Bellamy, Jr., A. B. Andrews.

Tenn. Omega—R. S. Johnson.

Tenn. Lambda—J. L. Faust.

Tenn. Eta—Wm. G. Timberlake.

Tenn. Nu—J. Washington Moore.

Tenn. Kappa—A. F. Sanford.

Tenn. Alpha Alumnus—Garrard G. Harris.

Ohio Delta—A. M. Austin.

Ohio Epsilon—Paul Heinrichsdorf.

Ky. Iota—E. T. Mobberly.

Mich. Iota Beta—G. P. Cheney.

Mich. Alpha—G. M. Harton, E. D. McCafferty, H. H. Cowan.

Pa. Omega—V. L. Johnson.

Pa. Sigma Phi—Jos. Clemens.

THE BANQUET.

Atlanta's hospitality, everywhere apparent, found its fullest expression at the banquet. No labor or expense was spared by the alumni to make the occasion a delightful one.

Many of the alumni whose duties had prevented their attending the sessions of the convention here, greeted the visitors for the first time. Over eighty S. A. E's were present.

At each plate lay a beautiful button-hole bouquet, composed of violets and hyacinths, and an attached card bearing this inscription: "Many good wishes for the S. A. E's, from Mrs. Loulie M. Gordon." Mrs. Gordon is the widow of one of Atlanta's brightest Sigs. In the prime of life, with a happy present, and a brilliant future before him, Bro. Walter Gordon was called to rest, by an all-wise Providence, October 16th, 1886. Bro. Gordon was a member of Ga. Beta, '68. At the time of his death he was president of the Sheffield Land, Iron and Coke Co., and vice-president and general manager of the Ind., Ala. & Texas R. R.—one of Georgia's most enterprising business men.

Mrs. Gordon has not forgotten the fraternity her husband loved, and the bouquets were a token of her kindly remembrance.

The *Atlanta Journal* gives the following account of the occasion:

"The banquet tendered the delegates to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon convention by the alumni of Atlanta at the Kimball house last evening, was a brilliant success.

The menu cards were beautifully and tastefully gotten up. On the back cover was a handsome representation of the badge of the fraternity. The menu comprised all that was delicate and delicious."

Mr. Hooper Alexander filled the exacting position of toast master in a most graceful manner.

The first toast—the Fraternity, "Distinct as the billows; one as the sea,"—was to have been responded to by Mr. John G.

Capers, but an accidental delay absented him, and the response was made by Mr. J. D. Mell, of Athens, without any preparation. Mr. Mell made a finished and eloquent speech, telling with beautiful pathos of the recollections of college days and how pleasantly he recalled them.

Before Mr. Mell had concluded Mr. Capers came in, and responded to an impromptu toast—The Future of the Fraternity. Mr. Capers is not only one of the most talented men in the convention, but is also one of whom the south may well be proud. He is of noble lineage, handsome and brainy. He has been out of college for some years, and made an enviable name for himself in South Carolina.

Mr. J. Washington Moore, one of Nashville's ablest young lawyers, made a brilliant speech in response to the toast, The Bar—"Still you keep on the windy side of the law."—He told very beautifully of the trials and successes of the young barrister.

Mr. Champ Andrews, who, by careful judgment, is not more than sixteen years of age, and who is from the college at Auburn, Alabama, responded to the toast, Our Kids—"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings cometh forth wisdom."—He is from good old Georgia stock, and gives promise of adding much honor to an already honored name.

His response to the toast assigned him was enjoyed, perhaps, more than any other address of the evening.

The Married Sigs — "When I said I would die a bachelor I did not think I would live until I got married"—was the subject of Mr. T. S. Mell's speech. It was a perfect gem—humorous throughout and was heartily enjoyed. Strange to say he is not a benedict, but he depicted the woes of the married man in a heart-rending manner.

The Press—"How shall I speak of thee, or thy power address, thou god of our idolatry, the press"—was toasted and the response made by Mr. H. H. Cabaniss of the *Journal*.

Mr. G. M. Harton, of Michigan, made a beautiful address in

response to the toast, The Ladies—"Each heart recalled a different name, but all sang 'Annie Laurie.'"

Mr. W. G. Cooper, who was initiated yesterday evening, and who was therefore the youngest member of the fraternity in the world, happily responded to the toast, The Youngest Sig in the World—"Time at last makes all things even."

Judge Howard Van Epps was detained at home by sickness, but his place was happily supplied by General George P. Harrison, Opelika, Alabama, who came from his home there expressly to attend this convention. He was an enthusiastic member of the fraternity during his college days at the old Georgia military institute at Marietta, and, notwithstanding that he has lived long enough to have fought through the late war and won the reputation of being one of the South's most prominent leaders, yet the fire of love for his fraternity has burned so steadily in his heart that he came to this convention to be with the boys again.

Among the S. A. E.'s at the banquet was the following delegation from Macon:

Ben L. Jones, R. S. Collins, L. E. Moore, George B. Turpin Jr., B. A. Wise and R. T. Smith.

The occasion was one of enjoyment. The delegates to the convention were all enthusiastic in their praise of Atlanta, and the attention and courtesy which was shown them by the members of the fraternity in the city. Many of Atlanta's prominent citizens are alumni members of this fraternity.

The occasion of this reunion reminded them pleasantly of their college days and serves to recall thoughts of members who have been long in the active pursuits of life, to their college days, and they lived them over again last night.

The toasts were interspersed with fraternity songs, college and fraternity yells. The alumni were out for fun, and entered into the spirit of the occasion with an ardor that showed they were not one whit behind the college days in appreciating the pleasures of fraternity life. They joined in the "Sigs are the boys we love," and the "ru-rah-ree's" with all the vim of undergraduates.

The banquet of '91 will never be forgotten.

TO CHATTANOOGA.

A trip south over the beautiful "Queen and Crescent" route is a rare pleasure. Leaving Cincinnati the Ohio river is soon crossed by means of a bridge that is a monument to engineering skill and labor. Soon after leaving the Kentucky hills that flank the Ohio river, winding around the hills, and darting through the valleys, we reach that justly celebrated country, "The Blue Grass Region." Lexington is in the center of this region, an old, aristocratic and famous town. On the east, as we enter the place, one can see the monument of that great Kentucky orator and statesman, Henry Clay.

Tom Marshall, the celebrated Kentucky lawyer, was certainly justified in saying, "This Blue Grass Region is the garden spot of the world, and Lexington is the asparagus bed of the garden." Large, well-cultivated farms, elegant country seats meet the gaze in every direction. A race-course is a necessary adjunct to every Blue Grass farm. It is the home of a cultured, refined, hospitable people.

The next place of more than ordinary interest from the standpoint of scenic beauty is High Bridge. This gigantic structure spans the Kentucky river, at this point flowing between perpendicular walls of solid rock, arranged by nature with the regularity and precision of masonry. A few miles south of High Bridge at Junction City, we reach the southern terminns of the Blue Grass belt, and enter a rough, rugged barren country, that indicates an apprchach to the mountains of East Tennessee.

From Pine Knot on the state line our route is through a rugged, mountainous region, characterized by wild and weird scenery. Here we roll along the base of the mountains whose towering summits frown down upon us; now we dart through a narrow valley, walled with ledges of solid rock and traversed by a dashing mountain stream; suddenly we are enveloped in inky darkness as we pass through the long and winding tun-

nels, seemingly into the very bowels of the earth, and as suddenly daylight flashes upon us as we emerge again into the open air and dazzling sunlight of heaven.

From Boyce, or East Chattanooga, grand old Lookout mountain can be seen rearing aloft its rocky summit against the celestial dome. The whole journey is one of surpassing interest, much magnificent scenery, and no one can fail to appreciate or forget the grandeur and sublimity of nature's work, as revealed all along the route.

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GOOD NIGHT, BROTHERS.

BY JOS. CLEMENS.

AIR—"Good night, ladies."

- 1 ¶ Good night, brothers, ¶
We're going to leave you now.

CHORUS.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon,
Epsilon, Epsilon,
Sigma Alpha Epsilon,
We're ever true to thee.

- 2 ¶ Long lives, brothers, ¶
We're going to leave you now.

Chorus.

- 3 ¶ Here's health, brothers, ¶
We're going to leave you now.

Chorus.

- 4 ¶ Here's a pledge to the ladies,
We're going to join you now.

Chorus.

- 5 ¶ Farewell, brothers, ¶
We're going to leave you now.

Chorus.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

Central University, the home of our recently revived Ky. Kappa, has an interesting history.

Before the ecclesiastical struggle which followed close on the heels of the civil war, Center college was the leading Presbyterian institution of learning in Kentucky. But when the split came between the northern and southern branches of the church, after years of fruitless litigation no equitable division of the property was secured, and the southern branch determined to found an institution of their own.

A convention, largely representative of the intelligence, culture and wealth of the southern Presbyterian church in Kentucky, assembled in Lexington on the 7th day of May, 1872, an association was formed, and a memorial addressed to the synod soon to convene, urging the immediate establishment of an institution of learning under the auspices of the synod, of the highest order, and upon the broadest and most liberal basis.

The organization was effected and meeting a felt want, the newly-founded institution took hold at once of the hearts of the people. Subscriptions flowed in, until "in an incredibly short time two hundred thousand dollars had been subscribed toward the proposed endowment of five hundred thousand dollars." And this same generous support has continued until now the endowment has very nearly reached the half million originally contemplated in the charter.

Another thing favorable to the rapid advancement of the university has been its location. Rev. Dr. Guerrant, who knows Kentucky as thoroughly as any man in it, says in one of his charming letters, "The location of the university at Richmond was peculiarly fortunate. It is a typical Blue Grass city of a cultured people in elegant homes, with all the advantages which wealth and education and religion can bestow.

It has all the advantages that good stock, wealth and age can bring to a community."

The university has been fortunate in having from the start been under the control of men of executive ability and ripe scholarship. The broad university course offered has been appreciated, and the patronage has been liberal. The present able chancellor is Dr. Blanton. Crowning one of the most beautiful heights, and commanding one of the most picturesque views in all the celebrated Blue Grass region of Kentucky stands the university, with broad and swelling campus tastefully ornamented with shade trees, with large and commodious buildings, including, besides the main building of four stories in height which occupies a conspicuous portion in the centre, the student's memorial hall, the gymnasium, and the handsome residences of the chancellor and the professors. Here fully equipped with libraries, cabinets, museums, and philosophical apparatus is located the college of philosophy, letters and science, whilst in the city of Louisville are the colleges of medicine and dentistry with spacious buildings and admirable equipments.

That the growth of the university has been phenomenal is attested not only by the rapid developments of its resources and endowments, now amounting to nearly half a million of dollars, but by the generous and increasing patronage which attests the confidence of the public in its merits. The catalogue for the session just closed shows the whole number in attendance to be 401, including 176 in the college of philosophy, letters and science, whilst the indications are that the next session will witness a large increase of students, in all departments, and indeed that the university will be filled to such extent as may require the curators to provide additional accommodations.

Ky. Kappa was originally established March 4th, 1882. She had a very successful career for a number of years, being Grand Chapter of Prov. D. for a time. From causes unknown to the writer she gradually weakened and finally became inactive in 1888.

She now shines forth with new lustre. May it never be dimmed, is the hearty wish of all Sigdom.

COLORADO ZETA.

Colorado Chi, though but nine months old, has ever since her installation, desired to help the fraternity in discreet extension. Shortly after being founded the chapter turned its attention toward Denver University, and, being nobly assisted by Brother Harry S. Bunting, the founder of Colorado Chi, active work was at once begun with this institution—a school of very high standing and worthy the attention of any fraternity.

When school opened this last fall the outlook for a chapter in the Denver University was very favorable. Correspondence was opened between the two schools; several members of the chapter went to Denver at different times to push matters and were fortunate enough to secure the help of Marion Law of the Denver University. Mr. Law was Colorado's representative at the inter-state contest at Des Moines, Iowa, last year, and graduated last June, but is now taking special work in the Denver University preparatory to a full theological course. Although a member of an eastern college fraternity, Mr. Law gave his entire support to S. A. E., and it was mainly through his efforts that Colorado Zeta was established.

Matters were brought to a focus on December 18th, and on Thursday, the 17th, Bro. Layton went to Denver, and on Friday morning Bro. Potter departed for the same place and with the assistance of Mr. Law they were able to complete all necessary arrangements and telegraph the remainder of the chapter to come down on the afternoon train. And so Brothers Bluhm, Gaylord, Givens, Smith and North, boarded the train in the afternoon and were met in Denver by Brothers Potter and Layton.

After supper the entire chapter met the ten expectants of the Denver University, at the Markham hotel, and after a social chat with the boys, were conducted to the university lodge rooms in the Haish building where the initiation took place,

lasting from seven thirty to twelve thirty. The Sig goat was at his best that evening, and came near losing both horns before the close. Those initiated were Brothers Johnson, Post, Kimball, Bridwell, Van Hove, Carroll, Waters, Paul, Schofield and Graham. The boys held their election of officers immediately after the initiation and chose Brother Johnson as E. A. and Brother Waters as E. C. The entire crowd then adjourned to Nelson's where an elegant banquet had been prepared. Mr. Law presided at the table as toastmaster at the request of both chapters. The feast was interspersed with speeches, songs, yells, etc., both fraternity and college, and the boys have a dim recollection that it was somewhere near morning when all left the banquet hall and marched down the street, yelling and singing, on their way to their different resting-places. The visitors were royally entertained by the Denver boys.

The entire chapter is one of the best ever initiated into S. A. E.; the boys are the cream of the school. Some four or five have refused to join the rival fraternity in the Denver U. Colorado Chi is justly proud of this new and valuable acquisition and take great pride in presenting the chapter to the fraternity at large and bespeak for it a warm and hearty welcome. We hope that our E. C.'s will not overlook it in their correspondence. Colorado Zeta is taking hold of fraternity life with zeal and enthusiasm and ere long will be one of the bright stars of sigdom. With two chapters in the state, Colorado is a stronghold for S. A. E. PAUL M. NORTH.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

We oftentimes hear a great deal of objection about the manner in which our correspondence seems to thrive. Many chapters leave this important feature to the last and then give but little excuse for their tardiness. This is not from a lack of regard for the interests of the chapter and the fraternity, as we all well

know, but simply procrastination rules and we put off our correspondence because we are too busy and wait until we have more time. This is a very serious matter and every chapter should give this its sincere attention. Every chapter should have one of its most enthusiastic members to attend to this important department; one who will take pride in his work and will see that his chapter is well represented in every number of the RECORD and who can say that no chapter can blame him for not keeping up his correspondence. Correspondence will do much to keep up the interest of the chapter, probably more than any other one thing. When a chapter begins to wane let every E. C. write to it a most enthusiastic letter; let our alumni lend a hand and help their chosen fraternity and let every stray Sig see that he has something to do in upbuilding and establishing S. A. E. on a firmer basis. Could we only make a "strong pull and a pull altogether" no longer would we have to acknowledge that we have more dead chapters than any one fraternity, but rather that the day is not far distant when we shall have as few as any fraternity, so faithfully have we worked.

Col. Chi.

PAUL M. NORTH.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

All copy intended for the next issue of the RECORD must be in the editor's hands before March 15th. Chapter correspondents are requested to always state the number of men in chapter entitled to RECORD, and to send alumni personals with each letter, on a separate sheet. Write *only* on one side of paper.

Gr. Beta—University of Georgia, Athens.

Our second term has begun, and all of Beta's men are back at their posts.

We have made no new additions to our roll as yet, simply because the right sort of men have not turned up. When they do, you may rest assured that Beta will be foremost in the fight.

We think that chapter letters to the RECORD, besides containing the condition of the chapter, should give any notices of their alumni that would be interesting to the fraternity at large. We always try to practice what we preach, as you shall see.

Since the last RECORD one of Beta's most active alumni has taken unto himself a better half. On November 18th, 1891, Bro. T. C. Jackson led to the altar Miss Sarah Frances Grant, one of the loveliest and most beautiful young ladies that ever lived in Atlanta. An elegant reception was given them by the bride's father, Capt. W. D. Grant, at his lovely home on Peach-tree street. The happy young couple sailed for the old world on Dec. 4th, whence they will return about the latter part of February.

Those of our brothers here who did not attend the convention have been mad with themselves ever since. As far as I can judge every one who attended it enjoyed himself, and would not take anything for having been present. The universal opinion was that more work had been done than at any previous convention, and more good had been derived from it by those pres-

ent than at almost any other. Beta is exceedingly rejoiced at this and is very proud of it, because with a few exceptions, her alumni were mainly instrumental in getting it up. If you will allow it we would suggest that the stanza given below be added to the song on page 3 of the convention song book:

The Atlanta convention bear ever in mind,
Sigs are the boys we love!
May every other be of the same kind,
Sigs are the boys we love!
And as for Tau and the Atlanta alumni,
May their success know no bounds this side of the sky.
Here's to the Sigs, here's to the Sigs,
Here's to the Sigs we love!

Beta is in a very prosperous condition indeed. She numbers fifteen of the best men in the university, and graduates only two.

As the new year comes in let every chapter start afresh, consecrate itself anew to the fraternity, and seek to cultivate in its members more strongly than ever before, loyalty, morality, and intellectuality. That every weak chapter may become strong, and every strong chapter stronger is the new year's wish from Georgia Beta. BETA.

Ga. Psi—Mercer University, Macon.

Since our last letter we have initiated into the mysteries of S. A. E., F. O. Brinson of Augusta, Ga., and M. Y. Allen of Thomaston, Ga., class '94.

In the meantime there has been a pleasant interruption of our college duties by the Christmas holidays which many of us spent with the good old folks at home and our best girl, while others attended the convention held in Atlanta.

Our delegates to the convention came back more alive to fraternity work than ever before. At our first meeting this term, when they told us of the convention and how they enjoyed themselves, all of us wished we could have been there.

Our boys have settled down to work in their respective

classes like men and as is becoming an S. A. E. to do. They all stand well in their class—right up at the top.

We are fully alive to the fraternity work, watching after the good material that comes here, and improving our hall. Very few boys have entered college this term that we think worthy to wear the “purple and gold.” Still we have the goodly number, sixteen

Hoping this to be one of the happiest and most prosperous year for our fraternity everywhere, I am

Yours fraternally,

G. W. HARP.

Ga. Tau — Ga. School Technology, Atlanta.

Tau numbers at present nine men — Brothers Harper and Sims not having returned.

In losing Brother Harper we have sustained a heavy loss, as he was a most devoted and untiring worker, a charter member and our E. A. at the time. He has accepted a good position with S. A. M. R. R., Americus, Ga.

Though Brother Sims was a recent initiate, his influence was being felt in the chapter.

We lose two excellent men this year by graduation, Brothers Bridge and Freeman. I am confident that Ga. Tau has become imbued with fresh vigor and will make rapid strides before the close of another college year.

The spirit of over-conservatism which has in the past dominated this chapter, is now, I am happy to say, gradually dying out.

But I am assured that it will never go to the other extreme, as we have a pitiable example of indiscriminate initiation before us, here in the institute.

We hold that men who do us no good, will do us harm. And the fact that they increase our membership does not compensate for the injurious effect that their presence has on the chapter.

Only men with whom we can all be perfectly congenial are

initiated. And there is not one man in it to-day that we would lose for any consideration.

There are no "black sheep" in Georgia Tau, nor one man that for any reason we wish to keep out of sight.

Such shall be the principles which shall govern us, as long as we are numbered with the living chapters of S. A. E.

The organization which the Barbs had effected has gone to pieces, as we initiated their leader just after they had elected him president of '93.

At an election for officers in the athletic association governing the gymnasium, we got vice-president and secretary, defeating an A. T. O. each time.

Brother H. H. Cowan was present at our last meeting. Needless to say we were all pleased to meet him and only regret that we cannot keep his genial face with us all the time.

Yours most fraternally, E. FENWICKE JACKSON.

Ala. Iota—Southern University, Greensboro.

The attendance at the university this year has exceeded all expectations, though on account of the financial depression and the shortage in crops throughout the country it is not so large as in some previous years; however, all departments are comfortably filled and never before did the working-year run more smoothly. Increased facilities have been made for analytical chemistry besides other improvements about the college building. The board of trustees have now about completed a comfortable hospital for the use of the students in Hamilton hall. All things show signs of progress despite the depression. Iota keeps pace with the times. Opening with eight men we have increased our number to nineteen, having entered the ranks of the Barbs, and secured four valuable additions since our last letter to the *Record*. We mention their names with undisguised pride: W. T. Moore, W. E. Martin, P. M. Long and John Lilly. All are from Alabama excepting the last named. Bro. Lilly comes from the Tadpole state, though you would scarcely

think it to see his genial smile. The Sigs have received their share of college honors. What they get they deserve from merit. It is not our policy to "run elections" but we depend upon merit alone for our success and for our popularity upon the courtesy and fairness with which we treat our fellow-students. Upon the resignation from college of the former editor in chief of the *Southern University Monthly*, Brother H. C. Jack was elected by the Belles-lettres society to fill the vacancy. Through the untiring efforts of Brother C. H. Motley, president of the gymnasium club, arrangements and a programme for a "field day" are being made. In the early spring some of our brother athletes in the north will find their record broken.(?) Business duties have called Brother R. E. Holman from college, but we hope to have him back in ranks in the near future. We are anxious for the convention minutes to be out that we may begin our new system of government if the chapters endorse it. Let each chapter give it careful and prompt attention, and may they imbibe some of the enthusiasm that the delegates took in at our recent royal convention. If the election of Province presidents is endorsed, let's have a letter from each province in the March *Record*.

Yours in S. A. E., D. J. CASTLEMAN, JR.

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Ala. Alpha Mu—A. & M. College, Auburn.

In spite of the Christmas holidays and festivities, Alpha Mu finds that each and every one of her members has returned, and ready for another year's work. Bro. Dent, an alumnus of Ala. Iota, class of '90, who has been attending the Rose Polytechnic institute, is now attending our college. We are glad to have him with us, as he is in every respect a true and worthy Sig. Bros. J. D. and J. C. Mell have been with us since the convention.

Since our last letter Bro. Boylson has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, and your humble correspondent to the rank of "1st corporal of D."

Convention comes but once a year, and we are sorry it does not come oftener. The members of our chapter who did not attend have long since regretted their inability to be present. Our delegates gave a glowing account of their trip, and they feel doubly assured that as long as the different chapters send as representatives such men as they did last time, our fraternity will continue to increase in both size and influence until we will be the acknowledged leader in every section of our country.

We hope you will not judge of the size and enthusiasm of our chapter by the length of this letter. We refrain from writing any more, as we know how every inch of space will be needed to fitly describe the doings of the convention.

Wishing each and all of the chapters a very prosperous and pleasant new year, I am,

Yours in the Purple and Gold,

CHAMPE SEABURY ANDREWS.

S. C. Delta—South Carolina College, Columbia.

With the advent of a new year Delta sends greeting to her sister chapters and wishes them a period of unexampled prosperity. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has made many conquests during the year just closed, and we should all be proud of her record; but with all these successes she has met with some failures which are brimfull of lessons that they would teach us. While we are exulting in victories achieved and yet to be achieved, we should not let our enthusiasm get the better of us, by a lesser realization of the great work that is yet to be done. Fields that once were our battle-ground have been deserted, and territory that we have not yet entered should be advanced upon at once. Old chapters are crying to be resurrected and new ones to be created. Let us clearly keep our duties before us the coming year, and with past achievements and future

possibilities to inspire us, make 1892 a red-letter year in the history of our order.

Delta's delegate to the convention comes back to us with renewed zeal to work for her interests. Owing to circumstances over which we had no control our delegation was small, but we are already reaping the benefits we received. Your correspondent, who was made secretary of the convention, has about finished his work upon the minutes and will soon have them in the hands of the printer. Our chapter is strongly opposed to the subdivision of offices and reduction of salaries that was indulged in by the convention, but hopes that no evil effects will accrue to the fraternity in consequence.

We have gotten more than our share of college honors during the past three months. Brother O. R. Withers was on the winning side in the public debate of the Euphradian society, and your correspondent was in November one of the two declaimers of the evening, in the annual contest between the literary societies. Just previous to the Christmas holidays, Brother Withers again attained a triumphant victory for his society and fraternity. Brother McFadden was a representative in the declamation conquest and made an excellent recitation.

In the social world we are holding our own, being well represented on both the commencement ball committees and those of the annual Pan Hellenic banquet and german.

This year for the first time we are experiencing the benefits to be derived from the Pan Hellenic league. Heretofore the fraternities have worked more or less independently of each other, and in consequence some friction has taken place. In this organization, however, when all interests are concentrated and united in the grand purpose of fraternity life, old feelings are fast dying out and our little Greek world is no longer in a ferment. The annual banquet and german given by the fraternities united, serves to draw them all closer together into a common brotherhood, with a common purpose.

The semi-annual examinations will begin within a few weeks

now. Delta feels confident of upholding the high stand she has always taken in this trying ordeal, and expects to claim many scalps with which to adorn S. A. E.'s already glorious record.

With a renewed wish that the coming year may bring with it abundant success for the order, I am

Fraternally yours, WM. WESTON, JR.

S. C. Phi—Furman University, Greenville.

Our boys have settled down to hard work once more, but in the midst of college duties we have not forgotten the interests of S. A. E.

Our chapter is alive and our boys are full of enthusiasm. At our second meeting we introduced Brother George Baker of Anderson, to our "royal bumper," with which Brother Baker was very forcibly struck. Brother Baker is a good man, a good student, and is making a strong sig. While our "billy" has butted only one into sigdom so far, he has his bad eye on several good men, and all we have to do is to slap our hands and cry: "Sig'em, Billy!—sig'em!"—and he will put sigdom's fire into their eyes in less time than he could shake his tail. We are going to have a pleasant S. A. E. entertainment next Friday night at the home of one of our loyal friends. The sweetest and most loyal girls of S. A. E. will be there. Venus and Cupid will be there, and we'll be there to receive one of those sweetest of bitter darts into our hearts.

We sadly miss our Brothers Clenckcils and Cox, who are not with us this year.

Yours in bonds of S. A. E. W. D. MOORER.

S. C. Gamma—Wofford College, Spartanburg.

Gamma's communication to the November *Record* arrived too late for publication. However, we will be on time this time and make mention of our triumphs and successes during the past few months. Amidst the pleasant rivalry with seven fraternities at Wofford S. A. E. has held well her ground. In the canvass

for new men, S. A. E. succeeded in securing the following: Wm. Coleman, Union, S. C.; J. C. Daniel, Mt. Gallagher, S. C.; W. A. Dagnall, Hickory Grove, S. C.; L. M. Covington, Clio, S. C.; T. C. Covington, Bennettsville, S. C.; J. C. Dial, Laurens, S. C.; John Humbert, Laurens, S. C. Our chapter now numbers sixteen. In June we will graduate six, leaving ten to return the following scholastic year.

A number of honors have been awarded in which S. A. E. claims her share. Marshals have been elected by our two literary societies for the approaching commencement occasion; they are distributed as follows: K. A. one; Chi Psi one; "Non" one; Pi K. A. two; and S. A. E. two. S. A. E. is represented by Brothers Henry Stokes and Wm. Coleman.

Since October '91, the two literary societies have had five presidents, as follows: K. A. one; Alpha Tau Omega, one; S. A. E. three. The Sigs are Bros. R. C. McRoy, D. W. Daniel and your correspondent. Of the offices of minor importance S. A. E. fills her full quota.

Since our last communication the annual celebration of Calhoun and Preston societies has taken place. Two speeches were delivered—one from each society. Brother McRoy being president of the Preston society had the honor of introducing the Preston speaker, while your correspondent occupying a similar position in the Calhoun society, introduced the Calhoun speaker.

Brother D. W. Daniel of our senior class has been elected as assistant Professor in the Wofford Fitting school. He is liked very much as a teacher and is not only making for himself a name, but is honoring his fraternity. He was our delegate to the convention. He is president of the society to which he belongs. He is one of the editors of the college *Journal*; was a debater last June.

Owing to the large attendance at Wofford this term it became necessary to select some one to teach Freshman Greek. Bro. J. J. Riley was offered the position, but being chief editor of the *Journal* and having considerable other business he would not

accept. Brother Riley was one of the annual debaters at the commencement exercises last June.

On the night of the 2d inst., Converse Female college, which was one of the handsomest in the South, was burned to the ground. Brother B. F. Wilson, with his untiring energy as its president was fastly placing it in the foremost rank of female colleges. It will be rebuilt and with Brother Wilson at its head, it will continue its onward march to success and reputation.

Fraternally, J. C. COVINGTON.

N. C. Xi.—University of N. C., Chapel Hill.

At our last writing we were in the midst of the inaugural exercises attending the installation of the new president of the University of N. C.—George T. Winston. Since then affairs here have moved on smoothly and prosperously.

Within the bounds of fraternity life, with the exception of the establishment of a chapter of K. A., no event of great importance has transpired.

At the Atlanta convention our chapter was represented by Messrs. A. B. Andrews Jr., and J. D. Bellamy Jr. Both these gentlemen made full and interesting reports. We congratulate S. A. E. on the successful convention just terminated. To those who stay at home a good hearty report means a great deal and no delegate should neglect this duty which he owes to his chapter. At the opening of the year a number of new students entered the university. One of this number, Bro. Alex Miller Winston, of Spokane Falls, Wash., now wears the S. A. E. badge and we are glad to introduce our new initiate to the fraternity at large. N. C. Xi now numbers 12 members. Our outlook is prosperous and we enter the new year hopefully.

HOAWRD E. RONDTHALER.

Virginia Omicron—University of Virginia.

Of our last year's chapter only two men have returned to the university—Bros. C. W. Maorman and Sutherlin. Our

chapter has been increased by several transfers from different chapters. Bro. Penick hails from La. Zeta; Bro. Jones bears joyous tidings of the prosperity of N. C. Xi; Bro. Moore comes from S. C. Delta; Miss. Theta sends us Bro. John Wesley Price, and Bro. Sanders who was at the university 1889-'90, after having been out of college for a year, has returned to complete his law course. There are also three other members of the fraternity in the university—Bros. Wharton and Russell of N. C. Theta, and Bro. Davis of South Carolina. We had a very good nucleus to commence with and have initiated one man since opening of session, Bro. R. L. Hills, of El Paso, Texas. We are trying to get on a firm foundation so that ever hereafter we may make Va. Omicron a power in the fraternity. We have several schemes on foot, such as building chapter house, etc. However, we will tell you of this, I hope, in the near future when it matures into a tangible shape.

We are glad to note the progress of the fraternity so long as we enter *first-class* colleges, but we are *positively* opposed to entering every high school in the land.

J. H. SUTHERLIN.

Va. Pi—Emery and Henry College, Emery.

At the present writing everything is moving along quietly, and nothing of any special importance has happened within our ranks since our last letter to the *Record*. We deeply lament the fact that it was not our privilege to have a delegate at the convention which recently convened in Atlanta, but such were the circumstances that it was impossible for us to send one. We are eager and anxious to know what the wise heads of our fraternity did at the last convention. Since our last contribution our membership has been decreased by the loss of two of our most efficient members, Brothers Brown and Hamilton, thus reducing our number to three. This no doubt will seem rather small to our fraternity men generally. As I have said before,

there is no material here, and as every one well knows, you can not build a house without material.

With best wishes for all.

Fraternally,

D. M. SAUNDERS.

Tenn. Lambda—Cumberland University, Lebanon.

We can proudly boast of a thriving chapter at Cumberland university. We have, since our last letter to the *Record*, led into the mysteries of S. A. E. two of the finest young men in university—Brother Holmes of Tennessee and Brother Field of Texas. Brother Holmes is in Soph. class and will be here until he finishes the literary and theological courses. Bro. Field will graduate in law next June. He stands second to no one in his class.

We have endeavored to place our chapter in a better condition for the future than it has been heretofore, and we are glad to say that it is on a better footing for another year than for many years past. Our chapter had to open at the begining of the fall term with only four men, while we hope to have at least eight next year to commence on. We have initiated only one so far from the law department, but hope to do some effective work there yet.

Our numbers were decreased one by Brother Hoffman not returning after the holidays, and in a few days Brother Moody is to leave us. Brother Moody has been a member of this chapter for six years and has always been one of its most enthusiastic members. He, after completing the literary course, took the course in theology in which he would have graduated next June, but his health will not permit his longer remaining in school. He goes to California where we hope he may soon recover his former health.

We have had with us during the year Brother W. B. Hale of Hartsville, Tenn., and Brother John P. Gause of Ripley, Tenn. Brother Hale is a member of the legislature and Brother Gause is a prosperous young lawyer of west Tenn.

All were anxious to hear from the convention, and express themselves as well pleased with the work done.

Fraternally, J. L. FAUST.

Tenn. Nu—Vanderbilt University.

Inasmuch as the members of the local chapter are all quite busy with their intermediate examinations, I shall write you a short letter in order that we may have some representation in the chapter correspondence.

At their last meeting the boys were attentive listeners to an account of the proceedings of the 35th convention. Nothing of importance was omitted in the recital, and when a description was given of the last evening in Atlanta, the good feeling, the banquet, the opinion of all was that it must have been good to be there.

The books were brought out, and after a few songs the hearts of the fellows were warmed as with new wine. Too little attention had been paid by us before to that delightful feature of fraternity meetings.

There will be comparatively few students that will enter at the beginning of the second term, and we may make no further initiations this collegiate year. During the first term, we had six initiations, and I am confident that you never "gripped" six truer, better men.

Sigma Chi, established a chapter of ten men at Vanderbilt, just before the holidays, making the tenth fraternity represented here.

Work has been begun upon the *Comet*, an annual published by the several fraternities. Brother Ed. Stahlman represents us on the editorial staff.

All of the boys are pleased with the proposition of Brother Oscar Peeples of Chattanooga to give a lot on the top of Look-out Mountain if the fraternity at large will build a college upon it to be used by all sigs that may visit Chattanooga in the summer time. I should be glad to have you call attention to this

magnificent offer through the editorial columns of the *Record*.

All of our boys feel the impulse of progress with which the heart of the fraternity is throbbing.

With love and fraternal greeting, I am.

Yours in the bonds of S. A. E.,

J. WASHINGTON MOORE.

Tenn. Kappa—University of Tenn., Knoxville.

1891 finds Tenn. Kappa relatively prosperous. There has been deep disappointment all around this year for the reason that few men have entered the university who fulfill the requirements of Greeks.

Of three desirable men, S. A. E. has one and will get another. This gives us nine men and as stated we will soon increase this number to ten. This places us ahead of every other chapter in the university, and we are especially proud that we excel in quality as well as in quantity. Our last initiate is Mr. J. D. Roberts of Harriman, Tennessee. We hold the presidency of two of the class organizations, sophomore and junior.

We are greatly pleased with the June *Record*, both as to handsome appearance and on account of the good news of our entrance at Cornell and Boulder, Col.

The seat of the university of Tenn., Knoxville, is becoming an S. A. E. stronghold. A large part of the advantage which Kappa offers to members is the large number of *fratres in urbe* in whom they may find true friends.

Our E. A. of last year, Brother F. M. Gettys is in business in Atlanta, Ga. Although we feel deeply his loss it is with great pleasure that we hear through him of the probable organization of a strong alumnus chapter in that city.

Tenn. Kappa send best wishes to all.

Fraternally,

J. N. HEISKELL.

Tennessee Alpha Alumnus, Chattanooga.

Since we wrote you last our Bro. H. Walton French has fled "as a bird to the mountains" of North Carolina and taken up his abode in Asheville, where he may be found waiting for an appointment to the U. S. M. A. that has been promised him. Alpha has lost a faithful member in him.

The Fourth National bank in which John C. Griffiss is employed was burned on December 26th. Brother Griffiss, after remaining in the building "until all else had fled" put all the valuable papers in the vault, closed and locked it, and then escaped with his life and a chair. His whiskers were slightly singed, but that does not mar his beauty in the eyes of the fair femininity; it attaches a kind of romantic interest to him.

At the banquet of the Pan Hellenic association Brother Griffiss was elected treasurer, which is quite an honor for him and S. A. E.

The banquet of the Pan Hellenic association came off on Nov. 25th, and will long be remembered by those present. Another, and a much more elaborate one is to be on February 11th, to which the ladies will be invited. D. K. E. has organized an alumnus chapter here with eight members. They will entertain the next convention of D. K. E. in November.

This year has increased the number of Sigs residing in this city, and ere many years have elapsed, Chattanooga will be known everywhere as an "S. A. E. town."

Alpha cordially invites every man who can to be with us in December next. Besides finding a warm welcome awaiting them, from us, you will find a city anywhere with more natural attractions than Chattanooga has. First, There is Lookout Mountain. A trip there is a never-ending series of surprises. Rock city, the lake, the scene of the "battle above the clouds" are a few of the attractions. Missionary Ridge and battle-field, the National cemetery, Chattanooga National park and battle-field, are only a few of the interesting points around here.

S. A. E. has started on another prosperous year. Not a charter has been handed in the last year, and let us see if that enviable record for S. A. E. cannot be maintained. Keep the chapter roll full, and always keep an eye on the future.

With best wishes for our new chapters and the same for old ones, we will close. Fraternally,

GARRARD G. HARRIS.

Miss. Theta—Miss. Agricultural College.

Happy greetings to you, sister chapters, from Mississippi Sub-Rosa Theta!

Although it has been but a few months since we let you hear from our chapter through our beloved RECORD, to us it has seemed much longer, and since we have reorganized this session with such bright prospects before us; with nine such true, loyal and enthusiastic brothers; with such an excellent E. A.; with Mississippi Theta's advancement in our hearts and Sigma Alpha Epsilon's excellences on our tongue, we are enjoying such a season of fraternal blessings that we feel a hesitancy in keeping our joyousness from Sigdom!

Since our last letter we have added two more links to the sacred chain which binds us in fraternal bonds and expect to initiate before Christmas two or three more men who are anxious to enjoy our joys. Our annual dues have been paid, and our "convention fee" will be forwarded in a few days. We expect to have one or more delegates at the next convention.

So you see, brother Sigs, notwithstanding the fact that we are sub-rosa and on this account cannot enjoy *all* the privileges that you enjoy, yet we are proud of our chapter, proud of our fraternity, and have the advancement of our "noble order" at heart. Although the discovery of our chapter by the faculty means the dismissal of each and every brother, yet we are "on to them," as the expression is, and hope in a few years to see them change their views so that we can throw off our veil of

secrecy and with glad hearts wear our badge alike before our president, faculty and trustees. Our E. C., Bro. M. Snowden, has done his part well, but we are sorry to complain of the neglect of our sister chapters in regard to their correspondence. We have received only two chapter letters since school opened. Brothers, let us hear from you. As Bro. Moore said in the March RECORD, "Sub-rosa does not begin to spell the sense in which we exist." We have to caution all our correspondents to direct their letters to our E. C., Bro. M. Snowden.

Fraternally,

J. HEARD LEDYARD.

Texas Rho—University of Texas, Austin.

No one expects a chapter to say hard things about itself, and what it lacks in merit is often made up in well-developed ability to puff. This time, however, Texas Rho doesn't need the customary "gush"—she speaks for herself. We are not boasting, nor do we reflect on our previous prosperity, when we say that we entered school this year with brighter prospects than ever before. Nine of our old men came back in September, and with these nine, we claim the presidents of both literary societies, two of the eight newly-appointed fellows and '92's first-honor man. Besides this—and surely of more importance—we are working in the most perfect harmony and closest friendship.

It will perhaps surprise some of our less conservative brothers to learn that the services of our "billy" have not yet been required; but chapter Rho is careful. Our policy is rather to lose a good man than run the risk of getting a bad one. However, two good men are waiting just without the temple, and next Friday night we expect to add their names to our scroll. We now number ten men, nine of last year's roll, and Brother C. C. Province who comes to us from the university of Miss. Besides these, Brothers Hunter, Lott and Smith of the city, are in close sympathy with us and always respond when called upon. Then, too, were it not that bashfulness forbids, we *could* say that

we boast the brightest and sweetest—let fancy finish the sentence for no words of mine can do the subject justice.

At the close of last season, we inaugurated a movement that we hope will result in much good for S. A. E. I speak of our state association. Although the meeting was not as well attended as our enthusiasm had hoped, still it made a beginning. The banquet which followed the business meeting was pronounced a most decided success. Col. Hutcheson, of Houston, a brother who has not forgotten his college days, was our toast-master, and well, indeed, did his courtly manners grace the table.

With best wishes for the continued success of the *Record*, I am

Fraternally yours, L. G. BUGBEE.

Ohio Sigma—Mt. Union College, Alliance.

We begin the new year with force enough to gain the highest honors attainable here. Never did affairs move along more harmoniously, every member doing his best for the fraternity. With the cold weather and snow have come many opportunities for sleighing parties and skating parties which we have taken advantage of numerous times. In a week our mid-winter banquet will come off with a large number of Sigs present. The most important event next to commencement is the contest of the oratorical association. Last year we carried off the honors and this year we were even more successful and took third place, which will give us a toast at the state banquet besides first place. Bro. C. C. Starr took the first honor above the best men in school and will contest for the state prize. Bro. C. A. Armstrong took third place and will give a toast and be a delegate from this college.

Considering that there were thirteen in the contest we count ourselves fortunate in securing such high places. In every other way we are prospering. We have already reported our last initiates. We close with best wishes for the welfare of our beloved fraternity during the coming year.

Yours fraternally,

H. LINDAL SMITH.

Ohio Delta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

Ohio Delta was sorry that her last letter did not get in soon enough to greet her sister chapters, and so she takes this opportunity to send double greetings. We entered this year in a flourishing condition and have since added two new men to our number. We have several new men pledged whom we will take in as soon as they receive their freshman rank. We stand in very friendly relations with the eight other fraternities, and consider ourselves inferior to none of them. This year we entered a new and larger hall which we fitted up at much expense and with much satisfaction to ourselves. We emphatically believe that the welfare of a chapter depends upon their having a nice hall or chapter house.

During the year our men have done well in the line of honors. As we mentioned in the last letter we have three men at the head of departments on one of our college papers. Another one is on the staff of our other college paper. We have also the president of the senior lecture course committee. This year one of our boys was chosen as captain of the "Varsity" team, which came off this season with a score of 196 to 4 and without a single defeat.

In the oratorical contest this year our men got second and third places out of eleven orators. In view of the fact that we had taken the contest the two previous years we were well satisfied with this. But we have said enough about ourselves. Come and see us and find out for yourselves that we are very sociable and enjoy the company of our fraters.

Our chapter most heartily accepts the advanced stand taken by our fraternity in the convention.

Our delegate, A. M. Austin, gave us a glowing account of the good work done. We are glad to see better system, especially in the matter of extension.

Thrice welcome to Denver university. May we add many such to our order during the coming year. Let us keep all the ground we have, and take possession of all worthy territory not yet entered. In the unity of action and purpose there is no reason why our fraternity, the glorious S. A. E., should not stand among the foremost of all college fraternities. Let us all join hands and work to that end.

Yours sincerely, W. SCOTT.

Ohio Alpha Alumnus—Alliance.

Again the Reaper has been among us, and another brother will assemble with us no more. We have had our season of joy and gladness, and are now passing through sorrow and affliction. Brother Jay Cottam Goodrich, '88, late pastor of the M. E. church at Richmond Centre, Ohio, is the brother whose loss we mourn. He had not completed the first year of his chosen work, but was meeting with success, and his future was bright. Ever a faithful brother and friend, an earnest worker in fraternity and a pleasant associate, we have lost a good man, and have reason to mourn.

Bro. M. B. Excell, '91, of *The Alliance Leader* is winning a name for himself in journalism. In the program of the "Jackson Day Banquet" given by the democracy of Alliance recently, among the generals, honorables, majors, doctors, and attorneys, we notice that Bro. Excell had the honor of speaking in response to the toast, "The Democratic Press." Bro. Excell is a fine speaker as well a writer, and is rapidly coming to the front.

Bro. F. L. Taft, '90, appeared before the state board of examiners at its winter session in Columbus, Ohio, and was admitted to the practice of law, succeeding, as usual, in getting well up towards the highest notch. Now in addition to his titles of B. C. S., Ph. B., A. B. and numerous others, he adds "Attorney and Counsellor at Law." It is not improbable that the honorable title of "Judge" which he has borne for the last five years, will shortly be prefixed to his name in all sincerity. He has not yet decided upon a "location" but will succeed wherever he may decide to hang out his shingle.

Bro. J. B. Wallace, '87, has received a call to the pastorate of a wealthy and prosperous church at Saginaw, Mich. Saginaw seems to realize that the Sigs, who are already there, are worthy men, and is anxious to secure more of the same character. Attorney, teacher, editor and minister—is not a physician next in order? There are a number of them in our ranks, and the call can be accepted.

Our correspondence with sister chapters is necessarily limited. Widely separated as we are, we learn little of fraternity news except through the RECORD. We are anxiously awaiting its arrival, together with the minutes of the Atlanta convention. We have not learned who the officers are, but whoever they may be, we extend to them our best wishes for a prosperous year in fraternity life and growth.

Boston University.

Yours in S. A. E.,
H. C. BURGER.

Ky. Iota—Bethel College, Russellville.

Our chapter succeeded this year for the first time in sending a delegate to the convention, and of course we feel like we can take more interest in fraternity work and in fraternity matters as we feel more acquainted with our men.

Our chapter is in a healthful condition. We have initiated two since the last issue, W. J. Lanier of Forrest City, Ark., and J. T. Wilson of Cadiz, Ky. The latter did not return after Christmas. We now number eleven and doubtless before the next issue we will number a dozen if not thirteen, as our Brother Givens will return in a week or two. Our "billy" is bellowing and shaking his head as if he would like to be put to work, and we shall "ere the flowers bloom in the spring" give him some active work.

Our college is in a very prosperous condition. She will send out seventeen of her sons panoplied with her wisdom and armed with swords sharpened by her learning. Five of these are "sigs" and three of these were founders in the establishment of the chapter over three years ago.

The other frats, E. N. and P. T. A. are doing very well, I suppose. Neither of these have made any initiations since the first of this scholastic year. I suppose they are holding to the conservative plan. This is a very good plan but won't do to be held to too strenuously as it may often be the cause of losing good men. We are on friendly terms with both. The fact is, we are

very much like the ancients of the Book—married and inter-married.

Our senior class has been fully organized and while we were not partizaned especially we were glad that our Brother Ryland was held in esteem enough to be elected its president.

With greeting to all our sister chapters we remain

Fraternally yours, E. T. MOBBERLY.

Ky. Kappa—Central University, Richmond.

After a silence of about three years, Kappa has again been re-organized, and is well equipped to do honorable battle for S. A. E. Last September Central university opened with brighter prospects than she has ever seen before, and as this was deemed a favorable opportunity for replanting her standards, steps were taken during the second week of school with a view to the re-establishment of Kappa. Six excellent men were found who were glad of an opportunity of wearing the purple and the gold. The initiation of these men took place on the night of September 9th, 1891. Brothers Lacy L. Bright, S. V. White, and O. A. Kennedy, M. D., assisted in the initiation.

The following officers were elected: L. L. Bright, alumnus, Richmond, Ky., E. A.; J. H. Chandler, '93, Campellsville, Ky., E. D. A.; S. L. Williams, '95, Spottsville, Ky., E. T.; A. McKibben, '94, Augusta, Ky., E. R.; H. J. Kirby, '95, Harrodsburg, Ky., E. H.; C. L. Nourse, '94, Hopkinsville, Ky., E. C.; A. J. Hargett, '94, Chatham, Ky., E. Chrom.; T. W. Mourning, '95, Campellsville, Ky., E. W. Our roll of active members is now composed of eleven members.

We have the honor of claiming the following as alumnus members: Prof. O. A. Kennedy, M. D., who fills the chair of chemistry and geology in the university, and also has a large practice out in town; T. S. Hagan, one of the leading druggists of this place; Dr. H. M. Bright, one of Richmonds's leading physicians, W. B. Bright, senior member of the W. B. Bright & Co., dealers in fine shoes and high-grade furnishing goods,

and L. L. Bright, who is the head salesman in his brother's establishment. He is the only alumnus member who meets with us, but we hope to have Brother Hagan with us from now on. The chapter was right royally entertained on the evening of November 7th by Miss Minva Phelps at Dreaming Creek Heights, the palatial residence of her father. A few of Richmond's belles who were present were Misses Margaret Chenault, Lizzie Lewis and Mariawillie Smith, Nettie and Jennie Phelps.

As yet we have not been able to secure a good hall, but Bro. Kennedy has been favoring us with the use of his office. Bro. Lacy Bright had been chosen as a delegate to the convention, but on account of sickness was unable to go, much to his and our own regret. The Greeks at C. U. stand as follows: Phi Delta Theta 16 members; D. K. E., 20; Sigma Nu 15; S. A. E. 10. Although the least in number this year, we expect some great additions next year, for we will stand with nine enthusiastic, energetic men, whose aim it will be to bring the banner of S. A. E. to the front, the place she deserves in every college.

Yours in the bonds of S. A. E.

A. McKIBBEN.

Mich. Iota Beta—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Everything is again running in order after our two weeks' holiday recess. It looks quite wintry now here in the north and feels equally so. As this puts an end to all out-door sports we are all anxiously waiting for spring with base ball and tennis. We hardly expect to have any member on the nine, although we would like very much to see some of our men succeed in getting on the team. There is much fear that Michigan's team will not be as strong this season as last, when it beat Cornell and Harvard, and lost to Yale by but a scratch.

We have taken in no new men since last writing, but hope to report about a half a dozen by the next issue of the RECORD.

We cannot assert that we are the only fraternity here by a good deal, but make it our endeavor to get men that will build up a chapter that we may all be proud of. In the literary

department alone, from which we take all our men, there are some fourteen active fraternities and one more nearly dead.

Our chapter would be pleased to see at any time any wandering Sig, and would be glad to entertain such a one whenever he might come.

Faternally,

G. P. CHENEY.

Mich. Alpha—Adrian College, Adrian.

Michigan Alpha greets the news from the late successful convention with enthusiasm. That Bro. H. H. Cowan, who has been re-elected to the editorship of the RECORD hails from our chapter may be our explanation for our pride in the honor done him; but we rejoice rather that the appreciation of his loyalty and his ability was not confined to his most intimate fraters but was unanimously shared by the other chapters. From the spirit of the convention, which reaches us even at this distance, we draw much inspiration.

Rev. J. F. Cowan, an alumnus of the college and a brother of our editor, has since graduating won many laurels as an author. On Dec. 16th, while visiting at the college, he was initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The occasion was honored by the presence of our three members of the faculty, one of whom is the president of the college. After supper toasts were given that rang with true fraternity spirit.

We were agreeably surprised when one evening near the close of last term Bro. H. L. Layman suddenly appeared in our midst. Bro. Layman, who graduated last year and carried off the class prize for oratory, is now studying at Yale. His appearance was the sign for the merry shake to go round, and tongues unloose their friendship.

But no less pleasant was the unexpected visit of Bro. W. L. Barris, who is now studying at Hahneman's Medical College, Philadelphia. He had been making a flying trip to Chicago, and on his return snatched a few moments to visit those of his former college friends who were spending the vacation at

Adrian. Barris has a kind of contagious good humor that brightens the faces of all he meets, so his appearance amid the dull monotony of the deserted college was thrice welcome.

From our success in the past term and the enthusiasm that comes to us from the convention we draw a stimulus for still further progress. We believe our future will be bright as has been our past.

Fraternally,

HENRY HANER.

Pa. Sigma Phi—Dickinson College, Carlisle.

We who have recently been the baby of our noble order extend in lusty, vigorous tones most hearty greetings to our brothers in S. A. E.

Born under the most favorable auspices, our period of babyhood soon passed. Youth succeeded, bringing with it difficulties which gave us material for attaining our present strength. Now, we claim the right to assume the toga of manhood.

We meet in a hall very pleasantly furnished; we have recently added games of various kinds as an addition to our social program; we wield an influence in college affairs that is enviable; men who have joined our ranks have been highly congratulated for their good fortune. Our rapid rise and present status is a subject of general remark.

We have initiated this term four men into the mysteries of S. A. E. They are Bros. G. W. Andrew, G. W. Mitchell, and M. S. Messler of '95 and Bro. G. W. Huntley, jr. of the law school. They are all excellent men and eminently worthy to wear the "purple and the gold." Our chapter now numbers fourteen.

We were very much pleased to have with us on Oct. 2, Bro. W. J. Kaston of Boiling Springs, Pa., an alumnus of Pa. Delta Chapter of Pa. College, who witnessed the ceremony of conferring our "side degree" on several of our initiates.

We have been honored further by pleasant calls from Bros. E. L. Cross, '91, and Chester N. Ames, '92. Bro. Cross, who

is professor of Latin in the academy at Dover, Del., is meeting with the greatest success. He bears the honors he is winning in his profession quite as well as those of his student life.

Bro. Ames has, for some months past, been employed in the South. He is back with us again bringing with him his push and energy.

We are well pleased with the plan adopted by the convention for getting out the catalogue, and we urge each chapter, and each active and alumnus brother to put forth their best efforts to make the catalogue a success. If each man does his duty in filling out the blanks which will be received, and in returning them promptly, we will insure the fraternity a catalogue which will be a credit to our noble order.

We have elected the following officers for the present year: H. W. Westwood, E. A.; Jos. Clemens, E. D. A.; J. T. Van Burgalow, E. R.; G. A. Singer, E. T.; T. M. Simmons, E. C.; Wm. P. Brines, E. Ch.; G. W. Mitchell, E. W.

I close with best wishes for the prosperity in the future of all things connected with the fraternity.

Fraternally,

MILTON S. KISTLER.

Iowa Sigma—Simpson College, Indianola.

Our correspondent has had a hard time explaining the non-appearance of our last chapter letter. Since he claims he sent it in time, and as it is the first time our letter has failed to appear, we let him off easy.

We begin this term with eleven enthusiastic men, five more than we began with last fall. We initiated four of the best men from the freshman class last fall, E. D. Thompson and E. N. Calhoun of Indianola, Iowa, J. I. C. Brown of Carydon, Ia., and E. V. Budley of Lucknow, India. Brother Budley won the Buxton oratorical contest last spring.

One of our old men, who was out last fall stumping during the campaign is back with us after an unsuccessful effort.

Among the new faces we see the future glory of Simpson Sigdom. We have good reasons for believing this will be the most successful year in our history. We do not speak boastfully when we say that we have made remarkable progress in our short history. We begun three years ago last fall with nothing except six raw men, but they had the stuff in them. Since that time we have fitted out a nice hall and gotten the best outfit of badges in school.

Our membership numbers three juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen. We are making preparations for an elaborate banquet the last of January.

Last fall the Delta Tau Deltas initiated Pan Hellenism in Simpson by giving a reception to the Greeks of Simpson on Thanksgiving eve. We all felt thankful that we belonged to a fraternity, as it proved to be the most enjoyable social event of the term. The most friendly feelings have always existed between the fraternites at Simpson and such an occasion only served for strengthening those ties. We hope to have them more frequently in the future.

Our delegate was unable to attend the convention at Atlanta, much to our regret and loss.

We hope to report the initiation of several new men in our next letter. We wish our sister chapters unbounded success.

Yours fraternally, A. H. WOOD.

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New York Alpha—Cornell University, Ithaca.

Since our last letter we have nothing but success to chronicle, and marvelous success, too. Our relations with the other chapters are all that we could wish for and socially we are as good as the best. The year opened with but four of us back, and we had to keep moving for a time, but now we are resting on our oars, so to speak, and see Alpha fast reaching the goal we set. At present, and for the rest of the year, too, are at our room No. 41 E. State street, and here we'll be only too glad to welcome all brother "Sigs," who will honor us with a visit.

Our parlors have been pronounced the finest in the city, and we have the name of entertaining our friends in a most royal manner

Adjoining our parlor is our billiard-room in which is a 5x10 table, said to be the best in Ithaca, and here we while away a good many hours that might be spent in a worse manner. Our initiates are five, giving us a total of nine loyal Sigs. Our first was Minor H. Brown of this city. Brother Brown is law school '92 and university '93. In his freshman year he was on '63's victorious crew the first freshman Eight sent out in years. Among his classmates and Ithaca people Brother Brown is held in the highest esteem. Brother Stith Retchie was the next to understand the meaning of Phi Alpha. He is a freshman and highly esteemed. Brothers Krebs, Khoning and Mahan are all freshman, and men who are, as the saying goes, worthy in every sense to wear the purple and gold.

So far this year we have not lost a man, but all we have "bid" have pledged themselves and are only holding off because of parental objections.

Alpha wishes to extend the best wishes to all the chapters and hopes for their continued prosperity.

Fraternally, W. A. CLARKE.

Colo. Chi—University of Colorado, Boulder.

Colorado Chi regrets exceedingly that she had no letter in the last number of the RECORD, but owing to the neglect of your E. C., the matter was put off too long, and when the letter was sent, the encouraging reply came back that it was too late. But we promise to be more careful hereafter as we believe each chapter should take pride in having a letter in every number of the RECORD, as that is the only way by which the outside world can judge of our fraternity.

When school opened in the fall, Colorado Chi seemed to be under very unfavorable circumstances, as Bro. Bluhm and your writer were the only ones to respond to roll-call for the first

few weeks, but soon Brother Smith and Brother Layton returned and so doubled our number; but our fifth brother who completes the five of last year—Brother Harry McGinnis—was obliged to be out of school this year and is at present working near Lander, Wyoming. It was due to the rustling abilities of Brother McGinnis more than to any other person that we have a chapter of S. A. E. at the university of Colorado, and on that account we feel his loss all the more keenly. We are however somewhat recompensed for his absence by his promise to come back to school next year and gladly will we welcome his return.

We have had three initiates this year and take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bros. Lewis Gaylord, Wellington Givens and Charles A. Potter, all of whom are in for a complete college course and will be with us for several years yet. Already have they gained many honors for themselves and for S. A. E., and we feel that Colorado Chi has been greatly strengthened with their assistance.

In obtaining class honors, we can truly say we have been fairly successful as we now have the presidents of the two literary societies—Bro. Potter, of the Bell literary, and Bro. Givens of the Philomathean. Your writer is editor-in-chief of our college paper; Bro. Bluhm is president of the foot-ball association, and through his untiring efforts our team has done excellent work this last fall. The first victory of the season was secured by Bro. Layton, who, in the last five minutes of the first game of the season, between the state school of mines and the state university on Oct. 24th, was able to make a touch-down and immediately afterwards to kick a goal. At this sudden change of fortune the excitement was intense, and Bro. Layton was carried off the field on the shoulders of his companions and in honor of the occasion was given a banquet that evening by the sigs. These were our only six points during the game, the score being six to ten. Bro. Givens is captain of the base ball team and before many weeks pass by will have his men out practicing. Bros. Bluhm and Potter are our contestants in the coming local contest, and we anticipate good results from their work. The two best contestants will represent

the university in the state contest at Colorado Springs, March 18th.

We are pretty well fixed for rooms now, as two well-furnished rooms are at our disposal in the business portion of the city where we hold our meetings regularly and begin to feel quite at home in sigdom.

It is a genuine pleasure to say that we now have a chapter at the Denver university; that we have some true and loyal brothers near us whom we can see frequently and with whom we can exchange visits and we are very glad that now we can receive a hearty "grip" from some one outside of our own chapter, which has been rarely the case, so isolated as we are. But from now on, the Colorado sigs will become an important feature in college life and before long we hope to see a chapter at Colorado college, as Bro. Murdock is attending school there again this year and is working hard for S. A. E.

Correspondence this year has seemingly been of more importance to the E. C.'s than heretofore, as we have heard from nearly all the active chapters of the fraternity and from several of the alumni. It is to be hoped that no chapter will be behind in this important feature of fraternity life.

Our officers this semester have been: Conrad Bluhm, E. A.; Lewis Gaylord, E. D. A.; Alwyn C. Smith, E. R.; Harry P. Layton, E. T.; Paul M. North, E. C.; Wellington Givens, E. Ch.; Charles A. Potter, E. W.

We are very sorry that we were not able to have a delegate at the convention, but on account of the great distance to Atlanta it was decided better to wait a year and no doubt the next convention will be held in a more central position, and we will be better prepared to send a representative. We anxiously desire reports, however, but suppose we must wait patiently for the minutes. There are many things that Colorado Chi desired to have the convention act upon, and we hope that many new changes have taken place.

In this our second letter to the RECORD we send greetings to all our sister chapters, extend a hearty "grip" to every member, both active and alumni, and entertain the best wishes for the welfare of the fraternity.

Fraternally,

PAUL M. NORTH.

Colo. Zeta—Denver University, Denver.

On Dec. 18th, Colorado Chi chapter came down to Denver and initiated ten of our university men into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Those initiated were Messrs. Bridewell, Post, Johnson, Paul, Carroll, Van Hove, Schofield, Kimball, Graham and Waters. Later in the evening a joyous band of Sigmas were seated at a banquet, whiling away the happy hours even to the gray dawn of morning. Trust college boys, and especially youthful Greeks, for having a good time.

With all due modesty, I think we have a strong, active chapter, and at the very outset we are in the ascendancy. Zeta chapter makes the second fraternity here, the other being the Beta Theta Pi, which has six members.

Our history up to the present time is short, but before this school year ends I am quite confident that I will report some great victory of Sigma Alpha Epsilon over the enemy. Brother Bridewell has lately been elected president of the Evans literary club, and succeeds Johnson, who is also a Sigma. The oratorical association will have its local contest in March, in which there will be two Sigmas and two Beta Theta PIs, also a young lady from the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

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the beginning of next year. On the outskirts of Denver stands University hall, a magnificent building, an ornament to the state and a credit to the west. It is built of lava stone from Castle Rock and is everything that wealth or taste can make it.

As one surveys the arched entrances and the stone steps leading up to them, there is perhaps a little chance for sentiment to flow. How life will swarm around those portals in future generations! What eager and hopeful faces will look upon those walls for the first time. How many S. A. Es will greet each other in brotherly friendship, and when leaving, how many will cherish a tender recollection of the campus and the surroundings that were endeared to them by so many happy incidents.

The hall from its slightly elevation, commands a splendid view of the city, with its steeples piercing the thin, overhanging haze. To the west lie the foot-hills of the Rockies, apparently five miles distant, but in reality fifteen. Beyond the foot-hills lies the Snowy range, studded here and there by lofty peaks stretching southward to where Pike's peak lifts its crest to the sky. Undulating prairie stretches eastward, dotted here and there by its white farm houses and clumps of trees.

Entering the building from the south, one comes into a spacious hall, dividing the chapel and two recitation rooms on one side, from the chancellor's office and the university reception parlors on the other. The various rooms open from the main hall on each of the four floors, and are finished with a paneling of yellow poplar with hard oil finish. The chapel, which has an inclined floor, seats three hundred and twenty-five. Here the walls have the rough sand finish tinted in light buff. Beneath the chapel is the gymnasium, and adjoining are the business offices, the girls' recreation rooms, and the chemical laboratory. On the third floor is the library and reading room. The study hall and four recitation rooms open from the main hall. The next floor is divided into two large halls for the Evans literary club and Phi Alpha society, with the physical laboratory, museum, and Hesperus editorial rooms adjoining.

Colo. Zeta—Denver University, Denver.

On Dec. 18th, Colorado Chi chapter came down to Denver and initiated ten of our university men into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Those initiated were Messrs. Bridewell, Post, Johnson, Paul, Carroll, Van Hove, Schofield, Kimball, Grahm and Waters. Later in the evening a joyous band of Sigmas were seated at a banquet, whiling away the happy hours even to the gray dawn of morning. Trust college boys, and especially youthful Greeks, for having a good time.

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From the flag-pole flutters the university colors of crimson and gold, tossed by breezes one mile above sea level.

The campus will be divided into a foot-ball, base-ball, and tennis grounds.

The Wycliffe cottage is three blocks distant from the university hall, and nothing has been spared in making everything convenient for the young ladies. The Chamberlain observatory is four blocks from university hall, and is named for H. J. Chamberlain, by whom it was endowed. There is a smaller observatory for students' use near by.

Mr. W. S. Iliff has donated \$50,000 for the erection of the Iliff school of theology. This building will be very attractive, being made of red sandstone, and finished with hard wood, with floors of marble in the hallways. Fifty applications for admission to the Iliff school of theology have already been received.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Fraternally yours,

W. L. WATERS.

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EDITORIAL.

To those who have met only the younger members of the fraternity, the thought may sometimes arise, that perhaps our order is only a school-boy affair, unworthy of their time and attention after college days are over. But such a thought will never come to one who has attended a convention like that at Atlanta, where ministers, lawyers and business men leave their work to meet with and assist in the deliberations of their chosen college secret society. Such a sight enlarges one's views of the dignity of the membership in S. A. E.

And when one sees men on the shady side of life leave their quiet homes and endure the discomforts of travel to meet once more with a society with which their active connection ceased over thirty years before, one realizes as never before that a society which thus retains the affections of its members, must be based on principles that are enduring, that meet a need of the human heart and that are worthy our life-long love and service.

"You have a fine lot of members," remarked one who had been observing the diamond badges and the purple and gold ribbons in the corridors of the Kimball.

And in truth a more manly, intelligent, courteous lot of young men than the delegates at S. A. E.'s 35th annual convention would be hard to find. Membership in such an organization can only be a genuine pleasure.

One of the most gratifying characteristics of the convention was its homogeneous makeup. Coming as the delegates did from widely separated localities; reared and educated under widely varying environments, yet with few exceptions there was that indefinable something, expressed in unity of purpose and demeanor, that banded them unmistakably as one bond and one household.

It is customary to herald each succeeding convention as the most successful in the history of the fraternity. Without going into comparisons S. A. E. certainly has reason to congratulate herself on the work accomplished at Atlanta. As one of the delegates expressed it: the Charlotte gathering was a social affair, the Cincinnati a political meeting, but the Atlanta convention was an assembly of workers, and if conscientious legislation will build up an order, we are bound to prosper, for more time and thought were given to the re-adjustment of our laws than in any recent convention.

To the close observer it has long been apparent that there was a defect somewhere in our system of government, and that we were not attaining the results we had a right to expect. The convention thought the trouble lay in placing work of too diversified a character in one man's hands and therefore it divided the duties of the E. S. A., leaving that officer the special work of stimulating, and counseling the chapters, and gave the financial work to a new officer, the E. S. T., who shall give it his special attention. We anticipate better results under the new system.

It was felt that there should be some one in each province who should make it his special business to keep himself posted on the condition of the various chapters, to investigate opportunities for extension, and to assist the E. S. A. with advice and information. For this purpose the province president was created.

The catalogue was placed in the hands of Pa. Sigma Phi, that chapter to control the work of collecting data and publishing. The actual work, however, of collecting and arranging the data is to be done by the grand chapters. The feasibility of this plan depends upon the faithfulness of the grand chapters, and this gives importance to a provision adopted giving the grand chaptership to the chapter in each province most faithfully

meeting every obligation to the general fraternity. With energetic action on the part of the grand chapters the catalogue should be ready for publication before the meeting of the next convention, and the supreme council should see to it that the proper chapter is placed at the head of each province.

The selection of Chattanooga as the meeting place of the next convention, we consider a happy hit. Located as it is in the state having more chapters of S. A. E. than any other, with an energetic alumnus chapter on the ground to make all preparatory arrangements, and with a city rich in historical points of interest and endowed with the most magnificent natural attractions, the success of the Chattanooga convention is already assured.

We anticipate great results from our new secret publication under the control of the E. S. A.

Questions of finance and extension, which in the *Record* we could only hint at, can now receive free and full discussion. If any of our chapters need a little tonic or stimulant they will find it in the *Sigma*, or the *Phi Alpha Herald*, or whatever we decide to call it. We suggest that the E. S. T. publish a detailed financial statement in each issue so that we shall always know just how we stand, which are the faithful chapters, and which the shirks, if any.

We appreciate more than we can express the compliment paid us by the convention again placing the *Record* in our hands. It has been our constant aim to make the *Record* truly representative of such a grand organization as we conceive Sigma Alpha Epsilon to be.

That our magazine is far short of what it should be, we all know, but profiting by the experience of the past, and with the continued hearty support of the chapters and an increased interest on the part of the alumni, we hope this year to approach

nearer than ever before to our ideal, to make our magazine more useful to the fraternity and a better exponent of the aims and advantages of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

One thing was overlooked by the convention, i. e. to arrange for the publication annually by each chapter of a letter, giving a detailed account of its condition, to be mailed to its alumni, the fraternity officers and the other chapters. We suggest that every chapter publish such a letter about the middle of April. Besides chapter news, it should also contain a statement of the condition of the college and of each of the rival fraternities.

With the last issue, most of our alumni subscriptions expired. We trust they will all be renewed promptly and that every alumnus receiving this issue will consider it a special appeal for him to show his loyalty to S. A. E. by helping to support her magazine.

The supreme council has full authority to see that S. A. E. shall be properly represented in the Greek Letter display at the World's Fair.

The *Record* extends its heartiest welcome to Ky. Kappa and Colo. Zeta.

A subject is broached in Tenn. Nu's letter that merits the most serious consideration of the fraternity.

It appears that Brother Oscar Peeples of Tenn. Nu, whose home is in Chattanooga, is the owner of several fine lots on Lookout Mountain. One of these he proposes to donate to S. A. E. on the condition that the fraternity at large shall erect a cottage thereon.

Fraternity summer resorts are no experiment. Alpha Delta Phi maintains one on Lake George, and every summer Beta

Theta Pis flock to that delightful retreat, Wooglin-on-Chautauqua. To us this seems a magnificent opportunity for establishing a national club-house. We hope the supreme council will at once in the name of the fraternity, accept Brother Peeple's generous offer. We believe the money necessary to erect the cottage can be secured in six months if a proper effort is made. Let circulars be issued and a systematic canvass of the alumni be begun at once; let each chapter give some amount, however small, to this purpose, and if necessary, the general treasury can help out. If it is found that the money cannot be collected at once, arrangements can be made with a building and loan association to put up the house and allow us to pay for it gradually. As to the advantages of such a house they are manifold, but space only allows us to hint at them here. Prestige it would give us beyond a doubt. As a unifying influence, bringing together for weeks members of different chapters, active and alumni, its good would be incalculable. As to location, none better exists.

Already a vision floats before us of a neat modern cottage, surrounded by tastily kept grounds; near by a tennis court, croquet grounds, hammocks swinging in the breeze, a crowd of happy youths and men of riper years engaged in sports or reclining in indolence, while above all floats a banner of strange design in colors of purple and gold, and before all is presented a view of such rare grandeur and sublimity as God seldom grants to mortal eye.

PERSONALS.

Bro. John McCelvey, Tex. Rho, '92, is attending medical college in St. Louis.

Bro. C. H. Dobbs, Tex. Rho, with us last year, is now at Hampden-Sidney.

Bro. G. V. Walls, Tex. Rho, '94, is teaching school near Alvarado.

Bro. E. L. Dahoney, Tex. Rho, B. Lit. '91, is teaching in the Paris high school.

Bro. S. C. Lockey, Tex. Rho, B. L. '89, is a promising attorney of Cuero.

Bros. Wash, Univ. of Va., and Finley, Clarksville, both lawyers, are two of S. A. E.'s representatives in San Antonio.

Bro. G. E. McCelvey, Tex. Rho, B. Lit. '90, is merchandising at Temple.

Bro. J. C. Hutcheson, of Houston, is a man of whom S. A. E. may well be proud. He is not only one of the best lawyers of our state, but he also stands high in social and political circles. It will be remembered that he was a prominent candidate for congress in the last election, but withdrew his name before the convention met.

Bro. A. H. Hall, of Cartersville, Ga. missed the convention by one day.

Bro. J. H. Walker, Ga. Beta, '87, principal of the high school at Harmony, Ga. was a convention visitor.

Bro. J. W. Sibley, Va. Omicron, of Coaldale, Ala., had the misfortune to reach Atlanta one day too late for the banquet. Bro. Sibley is treasurer of the Coaldale Iron and Coal Co.

Bro. Phil. A. Rush, Miss. Gamma, is located at Senatobia, Miss., and is cashier and director of the Tate Co. Bank.

Bro. A. B. Newton, Mich. Alpha, '91, is superintendent of the high school at Warren, O.

Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, M. C., Washington City Rho, has been elected to the presidency of Richmond college. He has not yet accepted the position. He has represented the second district of W. Va. in congress for twelve years with great distinction, having been prominently mentioned for the speakership in the present congress. He is a scholarly man and was president of the university of W. Va. before entering political life.

Bro. J. H. Sutherlin is business editor of *College Topics*, a weekly published at the university of Va.

Bro. H. S. Bunting, Tenn. Zeta, '91, in the employ of the *Atlanta Constitution*, has been sent to New York city by that paper, to study the mechanism and use of the new type-setting machines, with the view of introducing into their office. It is a striking testimonial of Bro. Bunting's ability that he should be selected for this work over so many older employes.

W. S. Walker, Ga. Beta, '77, is a Baptist minister of Rome, Ga.

Bro. H. Jackson has been appointed general southern counsel of the West Point terminal system of railroads.

Bro. W. W. Thomas, Ga. Beta, '66, has been elected secretary of the Southern mutual insurance company.

Bro. B. A. Stovall, Ga. Beta, '89, is doing a thriving insurance business in Athens, Ga.

Bro. W. S. Basinger, Ga. Beta, '90, is in the railroad business in Kansas City, Mo.

Bro. Max Adams, Ga. Epsilon, recently received a captain's commission in the Khedive's army in Egypt.

N. L. Hutchins jr., Ga. Beta, '86, is a rising young attorney-at-law of Lawrenceville, Ga.

R. B. Russell, Ga. Beta, '79, is solicitor general of the western circuit of Georgia. His home is in Athens.

A. L. Mitchell, Ga. Beta, '68, is an attorney-at-law in Athens, Ga.

Col. John B. Estes, Ga. Delta, formerly judge of the north-eastern circuit of Georgia, is a prominent attorney of Gaineville, Ga.

W. S. McCarty, Ga. Beta, '70, is a Baptist minister. His present station is Monroe, Ga.

Paul M. Atkinson. Ga. Psi, '80, is manager of the cyclorama of the "Battle of Missionary Ridge." The cyclorama remained in Atlanta till January 1st, 1892.

P. A. Stovall, Ga. Beta, '75, delivered opening address at the Piedmont Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 19th.

Bro. C. M. Walker, Ga. Beta, '87, has entered the Georgetown, D. C. law school.

B. J. Edwards, Beta, '79, is judge of the Walton county, Ga., court.

J. H. Walker, Ga. Beta, '87, is principal of the Harmony Grove, Ga., high school.

B. S. Walker, Ga. Beta, '72, is an attorney-at-law in Monroe, Ga.

B. H. Kuhl, Ky. Chi, '85, is in business in Orlando, Fla.

C. H. Brand, Ga. Beta, '81, is a prominent lawyer of Lawrenceville, Ga.

Bro. J. E. D. Shipp, of Ala. Alpha Mu, is president of the bank of Cordell, Ga., and is also president of the Cordell security co.

Bro. C. McRae, of Ga. Delta is a member of the firm of C. McRae & Co. the biggest dry goods establishment in Cordell.

Bro. B. F. Wilson is one of S. A. E.'s noted men. His career has been a remarkable one, one that S. A. E. should be proud of. He is an alumnus of N. C. Theta, '84, at Davidson College. While there, he won college orator's medal, and medal from literary society. After leaving Davidson, Bro. Wilson went to a theological seminary from whence he was called to the first Presbyterian church in Spartanburg, S. C. As a minister he was highly esteemed. After filling the pulpit so faithfully for about three years, he was elected president of Converse female college, an institution second to none in the south. He is the same energetic S. A. E. to-day that he was while a student, and one that we delight to honor.

Bro. Frank H. Wash, Va. Omicron, B. L. University of Virginia, 1889-'90, is practicing his chosen profession in San Antonio, Texas, and reports that he is doing well.

Bro. C. P. Cocke, Va. Omicron, 1890-'91, is now one of the editors of the Sewanee magazine.

Bro. W. A. Woods, Va. Omicron, 1890-'91, is attending lectures in the medical department of Tulane university, New Orleans, La.

Bro. B. F. P. Beattie, Va. Omicron, 1890-'91, is spending the winter in Paris, France, in company with his mother.

Bro. Elmore Moorman, Va. Omicron, has returned to his home in Louisville, Ky., from a visit to the continent. Bro. Moorman returned on board the Umbria, which was in the storm of about October 7th.

IN MEMORIAM.

CARTER B. HARRISON.

HALL OF MO. ALPHA.—COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 8, 1892.

WHEREAS, our Father has deemed it wise that we and this earth should sacrifice our dearly beloved brother, Carter B. Harrison A. B., therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we realize the fact of having lost a valiant and beloved brother, who by his true brotherly kindness and manly qualities impressed his sacred memento upon our memories.

2. That while we so much need his wise counsel, warm heart, and beautiful precepts, which will now be before us only in the memory of his good deeds, yet we humbly submit to the righteous will of the all-wise Father.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family of our dear, departed brother our heartfelt sympathy, and hope that in looking up at the bright rewards he will now receive for his short but well-spent life they will receive consolation.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon our minute book; one copy be forwarded to the bereaved family and another sent to the S. A. E. RECORD for publication.

Committee { JAY FULBRIGHT.
CURTIS HAYDON.
C. F. CRECELIUS.

METHVEN T. FREEMAN.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his all-wise providence, to take from earth our brother in bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Methven T. Freeman, class of '79, who departed this life at Savannah, May 11th, 1891, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That in his death, Ga. Psi mourns the loss of one of her truest men.

2. That this chapter extends its most heartfelt sympathy to his family and relatives in this their deep affliction.

3. That these resolutions be printed in our RECORD and a copy be sent to his family.

Committee { G. A. JOHNS, JR.
W. T. HALLIDAY.
JOEL CURRY.

DAVID WHITE GLOER.

WHEREAS, the omniscient Creator has seen fit to take from our number our brother in S. A. E., David White Gloer, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That in his death we, chapter Psi, are sensible of the loss of one of our most promising and best beloved members.

2. That we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives and friends in their affliction.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family.

4. That a copy be entered on our minutes, and that the RECORD and Mephistophelian be supplied with copies for publication.

Committee { G. W. HARP.
J. M. THREADGILL.
W. T. HALLIDAY.

WILLIS W. WOOD.

HALL OF IOWA SIGMA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

From the Christian Advocate.

"Willis W. Wood, a probationary in the Missouri conference, died on Monday, June 8th, 1891, at Eagleville, Mo., to which charge he had been sent by the conference at its late session. He was a young man of more than ordinary talent and promise, and an ambition which was only satisfied with highest success. For the past year he has had charge of a mission in St. Joseph, Mo., in which position his success at organizing and evangelizing was remarkable.

The last three months of his life he suffered greatly, yet his continued thoughts were for his work and his people. In his delirium he was once heard to say: "The man who would win souls to Christ must be a consecrated one, in touch with the sympathies and impulses of his people."

He was that man. Converted at the age of nineteen, he was allowed to remain in the church militant but five years, three of which was spent at Simpson College, Indianola, Ia., but these were years of earnest labor for God.

Bro. Wood was a faithful member of Iowa Sigma.

GREEK GOSSIP.

Cornell will endow a pew in the new American church at Berlin.—*T. D. C. Shield.*

Phi Gamma Delta, has entered the university of the city of New York.

Twenty-seven fraternities are represented at Chattanooga. S. A. E. heads the list with eighteen men.

John F. Newman, one of S. A. E.'s best known jewelers, died early last summer.

Zeta Psi, Sigma Phi, and Delta Upsilon are building chapter houses at Cornell.

Kappa Alpha *Journal* is now a bi-monthly.

Pay your money and take your choice. The connected statistics of attendance at the University of Michigan show a total of 2,750 students. Harvard, the next American university in size has reached 2,663.—*T. D. C. Shield.*

Harvard this year passes ahead of Michigan in number of students, having 2,613, while the U. of M. has 2,495.—*P. D. T. Scroll.*

In the last fifteen years Yale has won the foot-ball championship seven times, Princeton five times, and three times it was not awarded.

One of the corridors in Mammoth cave is known as fraternity hall. It contains pyramids of stones representing fourteen different fraternities. Each visitor adds one stone to the pile representing his fraternity.

Pallas Athene is now the patron goddess of Phi Delta Theta.

Cornell is erecting a new law building. The material is Berea sandstone.

The University of Texas has just completed a new chemical laboratory at a cost of \$25,000. The library has been improved at an expense of \$10,000.

Ohio Wesleyan university has received \$80,000 since the beginning of the scholastic year.

The University of Illinois will soon be thrown open to fraternities. Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi are ready to enter.

D. K. E. has just completed a catalogue costing \$16,000. Her next convention meets in Chattanooga in November.

Phi Delta Theta has become extinct at the university of N. C.

Such ancient and hide-bound fraternities as Sigma Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Alpha, Delta Psi and Alpha Delta Phi have recently enlarged their chapter rolls.

Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta have entered the Leland-Stanford university. Phi Kappa Psi is ready to enter.

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* is now a bi-monthly of 80 pages. Its editor receives a salary of \$300.

Kappa Alpha has had a boom in chapter founding, having recently planted chapters at Centenary college, La, the University of Missouri, and Johns Hopkins, and revived her chapters at the University of Texas and the University of N. C.

"Some of the other fraternities in college have been very kind to us. We are friendly in politics with Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu. We are opposed to Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Zeta Psi."—*K. A. Cor. U. of N. C.*

Vanderbilt defeated Sewanee at foot-ball Nov. 7.

A Pan-Hellenic association has been organized at Toledo, Ohio.

Phi Delta Theta has adopted a flag, a flower, a button and a yell. The flower is the white carnation, the button is an enameled disc, half white and half blue, and the yell is: "Rah! rah! rah! Phi-kei-a! Phi Delta Theta! rah! rah! rah!"

Sigma Chi has thrown up the sponge at Kansas university, and Delta Tau Delta at Wisconsin. Phi Gamma Delta has

dropped out of Adelbert and Georgia. Beta Theta Pi and Thi Delta Chi have graduated their last men at Kenyon.

At Iowa Wesleyan a man must have reached the sophomore rank and maintained an average of 85 in his studies before he can become a fraternity man.

Sigma Nu will try to enter the S. W. P. U., Clarksville, Tenn.

"Prof. Orville A. Kennedy, a member of our faculty and an alumnus S. A. E., has revived his old chapter in this institution. Prof. Kennedy is one of the best-known and best liked members of our faculty, and we take great pleasure in welcoming his fraternity into our Greek world."—*Sigma Nu Cor. Central University*.

Sigma Nu has absorbed a local society at Perdue.

The University of Michigan will erect a Grecian temple at the world's fair.

Kappa Sigma has a new chapter at Mercer university.

The students of William and Mary college expect to see Sigma Alpha Epsilon blossom out there before long. A member of Phi Kappa Sigma tried to establish a chapter there, but Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha captured the men he was trying to get, which accounts for the failure.—*K. S. Caduceous*.

We have bought five—or is it six?—badges since the return of our delegate, and now every member but two has a badge of his own, and we have two badges which are the property of the chapter. More than that, the badges are worn *ubique, semper, et ab omnibus*, and fickle female forms will no longer flaunt our jewel on one part of their attire while wearing an *A. T. O.* or *S. A. E.* badge somewhere else. *Nous avons change tout a fait*.—*D. T. D. Cor. University of the South*.

The *Rainbow* of D. T. D. for October must have been enjoyed by all D. T. D.'s as it contained a full convention report and an interesting lot of chapter letters and personals. It is ably edited and printed on fine paper.

The *Caduceous* for September is somewhat reduced in size, but contains much interesting matter. The report of the meeting of the La. association makes us wonder what has become of S. A. E.'s state associations. The *Caduceous* was six weeks behind waiting for the chapter correspondents to write.

The *Palm* seems to be flourishing under the new management. We note that A. T. O.'s chapter at Simpson college has handed in its charter and renounced the fraternity idea.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu is greatly enlarged and printed on a better paper than heretofore. The press work is very poor, however. Besides the usual chapter letters, etc., it contains several alumni contributions, and an extended clipping from the *Scroll*.

We were pleased to receive Vol. I, No. I of the *Trident*, the organ of Delta Delta Delta. It presents a very dainty appearance in its covers of light blue and gold. It contains an interesting account of the ladies' Pan-Hellenic convention at Boston and devotes considerable space to general literature. We wish the *Trident* a successful career.

EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

Southern Kappa Alpha occupies a unique position in the Greek world as being the only sectional fraternity. With Kappa Alpha it is not the character of the men nor the standing of the school that finally determines the desirability of a new chapter, but its geographical location. All the other fraternities take pride in the fact that fraternal ties are sweeping away the last traces of sectional animosity. Kappa Alpha takes pride in nurturing the dying embers of sectionalism.

If this policy is pleasing to Kappa Alpha we have no objection to her following it to her heart's content, but she seems to be unhappy because other fraternities of southern origin do not share her narrow views. Nearly every issue of the *Journal* contains some disparaging reflection on the extension policy of her southern rivals. But not content with whistling to keep up her courage, she has recently, in referring to S. A. E., resorted to downright misrepresentation. The *Journal* stated in a recent issue that S. A. E. had absorbed a chapter of D. T. D. at Adrian, Michigan, from which the charter had been withdrawn. The statement is entirely false. There was not a D. T. D. in Adrian at the time our chapter was established there.

The October *Journal* says of our Wofford chapter:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon re-established at Wofford under somewhat involved circumstances. Two years ago a member of the old Rainbow, who had been absent from college some years, returned, and not knowing of the conjunction of that organization with Delta Tau Delta, attempted to revive his chapter by the initiation of several men. As they were now Rainbow men, Delta Tau Delta was compelled by her former agreement to initiate them. They proved such a sad disappointment, however, to the men sent to initiate them that they were refused a charter. They were taken into Sigma Alpha Epsilon in a body last spring.

We brand this statement also as a falsehood pure and simple.

Our chapter at Wofford was re-established by a member of our former chapter who had returned to college.

There has not been a Rainbow in Wofford for fifteen years. That D. T. D. is compelled to initiate Rainbows, taken into that defunct society years after its absorption, is probably news to all D. T. D's. We have no apologies to offer for S. C. Gamma. Since her re-organization, the number of honors she has won shows that she stands inferior to no fraternity in the college. If K. A. is dissatisfied with our chapter then that is her lookout. Again:

Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu, in their promiscuous wanderings northward, have unearthed the following colleges (?) hitherto unknown to the Greek world: * * * Sigma Alpha Epsilon has stumbled upon Findlay College, in Ohio, and Grove City College, in Pennsylvania.

The *Journal* publishes this as a legitimate news item, although the June RECORD explicitly denied the charge so far as Grove City is concerned. If we have, or ever have had a chapter at Findlay, Ohio, the RECORD has never heard of it. The *Journal* may be better informed. It occurs to us that if the *Journal* would pay a little more regard to the truth, and make less effort to be sensational, it would be a more valuable medium to its fraternity.

The December *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi, is up to its usual high standard. The frontispiece is a representation of the flag of the fraternity in colors. The issue is a convention number, presenting in place of the usual biographies, the convention oration and poem, convention proceedings and club-house dedication. The oration is a fine production. Its four salient points are:

1. There must be friendships in human life.
2. The friendships of life are among the most precious treasures of historic lore.
3. The friendships of life are the controlling forces in the making and unmaking of men.

4. The friendships of life should command our highest care and our richest and costliest gifts, and this both in their construction and conduct.

In choosing friends—

“Choose gentlemen, and remember a gentleman is not an affair of clothes, or of purse. In the Republic of worth, character and disposition and virtue are everything. Choose those in whom you can find your own weakness materially strengthened. Tennyson says of his friend Hallam:

“He was rich where I was poor,
And he supplied my want the more,
As his unlikeness fitted mine.”

Theta Delta Chi has declared war on that notorious sophomore society, Theta Nu Epsilon. We have yet to hear the first good word concerning this society. It is everywhere recognized as a demoralizer, antagonistic to order and college discipline. It is utterly without a worthy principle or field of usefulness; it is a noxious weed in the fraternity flower-bed. We warn S. A. E.'s where it is located to steer clear of it.

The December *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta is also a convention number. The frontispiece represents Mr. Henry P. Smith '89 the convention poet, who though so recently out of college appears to be a man of at least forty. We read editor Brown's convention report with especial interest, expecting soon to go over the same ground.

The Phis seem to have had a delightful time, and we know from experience that Atlanta is the place to have it. “Reminiscences of California Alpha” is an interesting chapter history. Who will write up reminiscences of some of our chapters' early histories?

The October Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* contains illustrations of the Denison chapter of the Gettysburg lodge and J. M. Ormond, chief of section IV:

“ Our worthy predecessors who wielded the shears before our day and generation, aimed to rival the popular review in scholarly dissertations and

poetic effusions on true culture, fraternity ethics, etc., while we degenerate or unphilosophical successors devote our pages to practical discussion. How to strengthen ourselves, to broaden our influence is our aim. Not that true ideals are valued less, for the standard of fraternity ethics is ever being elevated, and the derelict brother or chapter is made to feel that he is in an organization bound together by other ties than purely sentimental ones."

We sometimes wonder, when the chapter letters come in so full of love for the fraternity, whether or not the annual dues have been paid.

"In the past the editor has always found it necessary to notify the corresponding editor of each chapter several times before a chapter letter was forthcoming."

The RECORD sends out *one* notice *only*. Our correspondents are supposed to be men who have the interest of the fraternity and her magazine at heart, and not boys who need to be continually reminded of their duty.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

The active members of the fraternity, and especially the chapter treasurers, will please observe the change in my address.

In the future I will make *Columbia, S. C.* my home, and all letters should be directed to me at that city, and money orders etc., made payable at Columbia, S. C., and not at Greenville as heretofore.

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OUR GODDESS.

(Tune—"Cricket on the Hearth.")

- 1 Oh, ye Sigmas gathered here,
Bow your heads in adoration,
For the goddess of our order hovers near.
May we ever honor thee, and thy precepts be our guide,
And Phi Alpha on to victory we'll cheer !
May the meaning of thy motto inspire us more and more
To strive with tireless ardor for the right.
That our standard may rise higher, in thy purpose never falter,
And the world may be made brighter by thy light.

CHORUS.

We will ever loyal be:
Hearts as true as steel,
Whate'er in life our calling be,
At Sigma's shrine we'll kneel.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
We ever shall love thee;
May thy glory shine undimmed through all eternity.

- 2 Oh, the years may come and go,
And our lives be widely severed;
Many links in mem'ries' chain may broken be,
But where e'er, in years to come, we may think of bygone days,
Our fondest thoughts shall be of S. A. E.
'Twill be pleasant to remember how we used to work and plan,
That of everything the Sigs might have control;
When our goddess did inspire, we true sons of S. A. E.
Have borne our banner onward to the goal.

CHO.

HARRY P. LAYTON.

Colo. Chi.

GEN. GEORGE PAUL HARRISON.

George Paul Harrison, on March 19th, 1841, was born, in Chatham County, Ga.

He received his common school education at Monteith Academy, in Chatham County, and prepared for college at Effingham Academy, situated at Springfield, Ga. He entered the Georgia Military Institute in 1857, and graduated in 1861.

When at college his rank was among the very highest. The first two years at college he stood second in his class, and held first position in the junior and senior classes, finally graduating with first honor.

In the military line he has always distinguished himself. While at the G. M. I. he held the position of first corporal, sergeant major and senior captain in the corps of cadets, and holding the highest military office in his class, and graduated with the highest honors. He was assistant professor of French and history while a cadet, an honor conferred on but very few at the G. M. I.

His genial disposition and splendid record as a student was recognized by the members of the Ga. Pi, and won for him an initiation into the Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1858, and he went as a delegate to the convention of 1860, held at Columbus, Ga.

His military career was one of rapid promotion and full of honors. While a cadet he was appointed second lieutenant in the First regiment, Georgia Regulars, in January, 1861, and assisted in organizing that regiment at Oglethorpe barracks, Savannah, Ga., and went with it to Tybee Island and Fort Pulaski. While at the latter place he was detailed by the governor of Georgia as commandant of cadets at the G. M. I., which duties he performed very creditably for several months, in the meantime standing his final examination; but before commencement of that year his regiment was ordered to the seat of war in Virginia. He asked permission to join it, which being



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granted, he left for the battle fields. Although not present at commencement, the faculty and board of trustees of the G. M. I. sent his diploma to him in Virginia.

Soon after joining his regiment he was promoted to first lieutenant and adjutant, which position he held until the winter of 1861, when he was appointed assistant adjutant general on the staff of his father, Gen. Geo. P. Harrison, Sr. He held this position but a short time before his superior abilities were recognized, and he was elected colonel of the Fifth regiment, Georgia state troops of six months volunteers, and as soon as that regiment had completed its enlistment he organized under authority of the Confederate state secretary of war, a regiment for the war, which was mustered into the Confederate army in the spring of 1862 as the Thirty-second Georgia Regiment, (which was one of the finest fighting regiments in the Confederate army as the records will show.)

Col. Harrison served with this regiment in the department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, participating in all the important fights in these states, and was selected by Gen. Beauregard as one of the officers to command Battery Wagner during the siege of Charleston, S. C.

He commanded a brigade as colonel nearly two years, and was promoted brigadier general in March, 1865, and was placed in command of the rear guard of Hardus' corps in the final retreat through the Carolinas. He distinguished himself for bravery in many battles; among others are prominent the battles of Averysboro and Bentonville, N. C. At the latter place his entire staff with one exception were killed or wounded. Having served bravely under the "stars and bars" for over four years, he surrendered with Gen. Johnston at Greensboro, N. C., in command of a brigade in Walthall's division, seventeenth corps, C. S. army.

Gen. Harrison commenced to read law while a cadet at the G. M. I., and so determined was he to become a lawyer, he read as the opportunity offered itself, by the flickering light

of the camp-fires during the war; and now he reckons among his treasures the old copy of Blackstone's Commentaries he studied while on the march.

He was married during the war to Miss Fannie M. Drake, of Thomaston, Ga., and for many years lived happily with her. Two children blessed their union—a son, who died while an infant, and a daughter, who is now a beautiful and accomplished young lady of much talent, and still resides with her father.

Immediately after the war, when the Confederacy had gone down in gloom and ashes, he moved to Alabama and settled on a farm near Auburn, where he farmed several years, and continued the study of law, during which time he was elected commandant of cadets at the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa. He declined this position, however, but accepted the same position at the A. & M. college, at Auburn, for the space of a year, after which he was admitted to the bar in Tuskegee, Ala., and then moved to his present home, Opelika, Ala., where he opened a law office; was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of Alabama in 1865; was a very prominent and active member of that body, and was elected to the State Senate, representing the 27th Senatorial District.

Mrs. Harrison, after a long and happy married life, died in June, 1884. The General mourned her death for two years, and then was married in 1886 to Miss Mattie L. Ligon, of Tuskegee, Ala., who is now living, and the pride of his home.

Gen. Harrison has a very large law practice, representing several railway and other corporations, and has a large share of all the private practice in all the courts in which he practices, which cover many counties. He is a prominent Mason, being now Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alabama; a zealous and earnest Methodist, one of the stewards of his church, and is actively interested in Sunday-school work.

General Harrison is often spoken of for high political places, but prefers to keep out of the whirlpool of politics, as he is absorbed in his large and lucrative law practice.

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HON. W. H. FLEMING.
Ga. Beta, '75.

That our honored brother loves his fraternity, there can be no doubt, for he dropped all business when he heard that the S. A. E. convention was in session in Atlanta, and appeared on the convention floor, proudly wearing the S. A. E. badge he first donned while a cadet at the G. M. I. over a quarter of a century ago, and those who heard his warm words of greeting to his brothers in S. A. E., born of later years, were more than convinced that the flame of eternal love and friendship, though kindled upon the altar of his heart when the fraternity was yet a babe, were burning with a brightness that time could not dim.

A Christian, a soldier, a statesman, a gentleman of unsullied honor, and an S. A. E., is our honored brother, George Paul Harrison.

GERRARD G. HARRIS.

HON. WILLIAM H. FLEMING.

William H. Fleming, the subject of this sketch, was born on the 18th of October, 1856, and is therefore in his thirty-sixth year. Augusta, Ga., is the place of Bro. Fleming's birth, and it was at the academy on the Sand Hills and at the Richmond academy that he received his earlier instruction.

When the University of Georgia at Athens opened in 1872 Bro. Fleming entered the Sophomore class on a scholarship awarded him by the Richmond academy for general excellence. During a portion of his stay at Athens he sustained himself on money advanced to him by the late Alexander H. Stephens. The sum borrowed was repaid with interest after graduation.

Bro. Fleming's stay at Athens was a series of victories. In 1874 he received the medal awarded the best debater in the junior class from the Phi Kappa society. The next year, 1875, he received the medal for the best essay, open to the entire university, law class included. In this year he also delivered the commencement oration as representative of the Phi Kappa society.

Bro. Fleming was appointed captain of company A of the battallion of cadets, and under his leadership that company won for two successive years the prize for the best drilled command in the batallion.

In 1875 he graduated in the department of civil engineering and was also appointed a tutor. On account of ill health he severed his connection with the university in the spring of 1876. In September of that year Bro. Fleming began the study of law in the office of the Hon. John T. Shewmake of Augusta. In January of the ensuing year he was elected superintendent of the public schools of Richmond county, which position he filled with credit. While superintendent of schools he organized a system that has grown each year in efficiency and popularity. He resigned in September, 1880, to begin the practice of law.

Bro. Fleming is a prominent member of the Georgia Bar association, and was in 1887 a member of the committee on jurisprudence and law reform. As a lawyer he is earnest and painstaking, an orator of no mean ability, and a debater whose power is universally recognized.

The centennial address of the Richmond academy was delivered by Bro. Fleming in 1883, and in 1885 he delivered a memorial address on the Confederate soldiers. This latter address drew from George William Curtis a very complimentary editorial in Harper's Weekly and an extract from the address appears in the "Patriotic Reader" by Henry B. Carrington.

Four years ago Bro. Fleming was elected to the lower house of the state legislature receiving the highest vote on the ticket. He was placed on several important committees where he discharged the duties incumbent upon him in such a manner as to elicit most hearty approbation from the entire state.

When the legislature convened in 1890 Bro. Fleming was again found representing Richmond county. His great popularity is shown by the fact that he again led his ticket. He is

popular with all classes of people, but particularly so with the laboring classes and with the commercial travelers.

Since his first appearance in the legislature, Bro. Fleming has devoted much time and attention to the greatly needed reform in the legal procedure in Georgia. One of the laws he has succeeded in passing tends to the promotion of speedy trials of criminal cases.

Bro. Fleming has announced his intention of standing for re-election to the next legislature and he is also quite prominently spoken of for the speakership of the new house. He is eminently fitted for that high and honorable position and it is quite probable that he will be elected.

Although leading a very busy life our distinguished member has found time to publish several political essays and a sketch of that great commoner, Alexander H. Stephens.

Bro. Fleming was initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon when he first entered college in 1872. He filled all of the offices in his chapter and has always been an enthusiastic wearer of the "purple and gold." He is a member of whom our fraternity is justly proud and although he has already gained distinction "the end is not yet."

Atlanta, Ga.

GEO. FREEMAN.

COLORADO CHI.

A POEM.

Across the plains the message came to the land of mountains blue,
Where the rivers of azure, sparkling bright, boldly force themselves
through
The pine-clad hills and the deep, dark glen,
Once the home of the grizzly and noble red men.
Where stood the wigwam, now stands a school;
And the savage who lingered by river and pool
Has vanished away from the land of his birth,
And left to the white man his parent earth.

The message of Sigdom came to us here
At the foot of the Rockies white,
And the Goddess of Wisdom enveloped us 'round
With the folds of her mantle bright.

The gold of our badges the miners find
In the mountains stretching above,
And the brighter gold is found in our hearts,
Of a true and brotherly love.

Our rivers of crystal yield no pearls
To bedeck our diamonds rare,
But the pearls of freedom and truth, I ween,
We breathe in with every air.

And the teachings and precepts of Sigdom, I know
Will ennoble and better our race,
Till the stars of heaven fall from their dome
And the Rockies move from their base.

HARRY MCGINNIS.

Lander, Wyoming.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Indiana Alpha, the first chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon established in Indiana, was founded at Franklin College, Franklin, Ind., on Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

A correspondence with Franklin had been inaugurated by some Michigan Alpha boys two years previous, which resulted in a petition from Franklin, asking for a charter. This was refused at the Cincinnati convention, as were all like requests, the convention holding the view that such matters should follow the regular course prescribed by law.

But Franklin did not lose sight of her pet project, and her constancy and persistency was rewarded by the granting of a charter at the last convention.

Pursuant to arrangements, we visited Franklin on Feb. 10, and were met at the depot by several of the boys. We were escorted to the home of Bro. Berryhill, and after removing some of the evidence of travel by a vigorous application of soap and water, and appeasing the insatiable appetite by a sumptuous

repast, we wended our way to the hall of the Phi Delta Thetas, who had generously offered us the use of their apartments for the initiatory ceremony. We were the recipient of many courtesies at their hands, which indicates the good feeling of friendship and harmony that prevails between the two fraternities at that college. We sincerely trust that these friendly relations will be maintained.

Able assisted by C. A. Dungan, a charter member of Michigan Alpha, who is residing at present a short distance from Franklin, we unfolded the mysteries of S. A. E., and united by the bonds of friendship into a chapter the following talented students at the college: James M. Berryhill, Carl D. Hazelton, Jesse M. Batterton, Henry W. Davis, Hugh Miller, James H. Howard, Edker Burton, John Oliver, Fred C. Whitcomb, John A. Hill, F. D. Johnston.

The above are representatives from every class in the collegiate department.

The boys immediately organized by the election of officers, Bro. Berryhill being selected E. A. The remainder of the evening was spent in a manner well known to college boys, and enjoyed as only college boys know how to enjoy a thing, and not till a late hour did we separate.

The appearance of the boys at chapel next morning proudly wearing the "purple and gold" was the signal for hearty congratulations, extended by faculty and students alike.

A word about the institution may not be out of place. Franklin college is under the control and patronage of the Baptists of Indiana. It has a thorough course of study, an efficient corps of instructors, and about three hundred students, drawn from all parts of the state and surrounding states. The buildings, one of which is a magnificent structure, just completed, are located upon a beautiful hill overlooking the city, and affording a commanding view of the surrounding country. The institution is in a prosperous condition, the endowment fund having been increased \$80,000 during the past year, with favorable prospects for further additions.

Our boys are, in the words of one of the Phi's, "among the very best men in college." Prominent in the literary societies, in athletics, in the class room, and in society, they are as noble, manly, scholarly a set of boys as can be found anywhere in the college world.

Imbued with the true fraternal spirit, enthusiastic in everything that pertains to fraternity life, we feel assured that Indiana Alpha will prove to be a bright and shining light, and her members true and loyal brothers.

E. D. McCafferty.

Adrian, Mich.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A FRATERNITY MAN?

The most difficult and at the same time the most delicate matter with which a chapter has to deal is to select new members. This of course arises from the fact that every member of a chapter has his own opinion as to what constitutes a fraternity man, and also that comparatively few such men are in a university. At the same time it is acknowledged by all that in order to live we must have members and that frequently during the year it is necessary to consider whom we would prefer to call brother. Texas Rho has adopted a good system of deciding upon a new member by the following questions: First, is he agreeable to all the members? second, is he an energetic worker? third, is his standing in the university sufficient to make us proud in calling him brother?

In the first place, is he agreeable to all the members? In probably nine cases out of ten he is not. Of course if he is not agreeable to all his name should be immediately dropped. Most always for some good reason a name is opposed; but at times, alas, a very desirable member is debarred on account of some little personal feeling entertained by a member; some little grievance or antipathy. For instance, A presents a name of a personal friend, B opposes through good reasons; later B

presents a name and A opposes in order to avenge himself on B though knowing the name presented by B to be very desirable; thus the germs of dissatisfaction arise in the chapter which eventually result in the expulsion of some of the members or the downfall of the chapter. All of our chapters and members should very carefully avoid this ill feeling and work constantly to maintain harmony.

In the second place, is he an energetic worker? In all cases he should be. We cannot obtain men who excel in all lines of college work, but must content ourselves in having members who take a live interest in some department and who surpass in that department. For instance, he should take an interest in the literary societies, go upon the program, and when he has an office, should do justice to the position; or he should take an interest in athletics, one who can go in foot ball or base ball, be a good player or can manage a team successfully; one who can take hold of a college paper and make it hum or any of the departments so necessary to college life and the student. A high class standing alone is not sufficient, but a good student, a genial fellow and a rustler are good qualities for all S. A. E. men.

In the third place, is his standing in the university sufficient to make us feel proud in calling him brother? This applies not only to class standing and scholarship but to moral, social and the many points applicable only to the school in which the chapter is situated,—whether he would honor and help the fraternity or hasten its dissolution. Many a student may be a fine scholar and a worker in certain lines but at the same time take no interest in a fraternity, and, if initiated, cause so much more work to the other members to maintain the high standing of the chapter. Many a chapter has died just on account of the non-interest of the members who fail to appreciate the benefits of fraternity life and so do not work for their fraternity, not from any desire or intention to slight or shirk their work but simply because they were never meant for fraternity men. Let every

chapter exercise great care in the decision of this third point, as a chapter of six *fraternity* men is much more desirable than a chapter of twenty figureheads.

To these three points Colo. Chi has always added a fourth. Is the person, whose name is proposed, in for a full college course? This is certainly an essential feature and should always be considered. No chapter can afford to take in a member who is in school only for that year. As sometimes occurs, unforeseen circumstances compel men to withdraw from school temporarily and at times permanently. Even though this does occur, a man will always be a truer alumnus and take interest in his intended alma mater if taken in as a member when he intends to go through school and who anticipates a complete college course with his fraternity, than one who is in school but a short time, who cares but little for college life, and when he leaves, soon forgets everything about the fraternity and the university with which he was associated for only a year.

Throughout Sigdom our chapters are mostly in a very prosperous condition, but one or two are noticed that are beginning to decline and from whom nothing has been heard for some time. From other fraternity journals it is found that the membership of these chapters is very small. It is sincerely hoped that violation of the above test questions has not occurred, but that these chapters though small in membership are keeping before them the true and noble principles of S. A. E., and are striving hard for the welfare of the fraternity. At the same time let the entire fraternity join hands with these chapters and help them all they can, for even encouragement is necessary in all undertakings. If we are to maintain the reputation of our chapters in the fraternity world that we are the fraternity "that never says down," concentrated effort will be necessary on the part of both active and alumni members. If such effort can be secured the revival of our dead chapters, and a wise, conservative extension will attend our footsteps with amazing rapidity.

Colo. Chi.


PAUL M. NORTH.

OUR CHAPTER ROLL.

There seems to be a misapprehension abroad, both as to the number of S. A. E.'s dead chapters, and as to the relative number compared with other fraternities. This is no doubt largely due to the many errors in the chapter list published in Wm. R. Baird's fraternity book. For instance, he publishes Ala. Mu, S. C. Upsilon, Va. Tau and L. A. Zeta as living, all of which have been inactive for some years. He counts as dead Va. Sigma, S. C. Phi and Tex. Rho, all of which were in prosperous condition when the book was published. He increases our dead roll by duplicating two of our chapters and counting another three times. Tex. Rho was originally established at Marvin college, but in 1884 was removed to the State University. Mr. Baird counts it as a separate chapter at each institution. Tenn. Eta was established at West Tennessee college. The college declined, and was revived under the name of Southwestern Baptist University. Although the school merely changed name, yet Mr. Baird credits us with two Tenn. Etas, one dead, one living. Tenn. Nu was first established at Western Military Institute; killed by the war, it was revived in 1870 at Nashville University, which later became Vanderbilt. Mr. Baird has three Tenn. Nus on his list, one for each name borne by the school.

The following is our chapter roll corrected to date:

- 1856. Ala. Mu, University of Alabma. ('90.)
- '57. Tenn. Lambda, Union University. ('72.)
- '57. Tenn. Mu, Vanderbilt University.
- '57. N. C. Xi, University of North Carolina.
- '57. Va. Omicron, University of Virginia.
- '57. Ga. Pi, Georgia Military Institute. ('61.)
- '57. Ky. Chi, Kentucky Military Institute. ('87.)
- '58. Tex. Theta, Baylor University. ('61.)
- '58. Ky. Iota, Bethel College.
- '58. Va. Kappa, William and Mary College. ('61.)

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- '58. W. C. Rho, Columbian University. ('69.)
'59. Ga. Eta, Oglethorpe University.
'60. Tenn. Lambda, Cumberland University.
'60. Va. Upsilon, Hampden-Sidney College. ('61.)
'61. La. Tau, Centenary College. ('61.)
'66. Miss. Gamma, University of Mississippi.
'66. Ga. Beta, University of Georgia.
'67. La. Epsilon, E. Louisiana State Seminary. ('69.)
'67. Tenn. Eta, Southwestern Baptist University.
'67. Va. Sigma, Washington-Lee University.
'68. S. C. Phi, Furman University.
'69. Miss. Zeta, Mississippi College. ('75.)
'70. Ga. Psi, Mercer University.
'70. Ala. Beta Beta, Howard College. ('73.)
'74. Va. Theta, Virginia Military Institute. ('75.)
'76. N. C. Rho Rho, Carolina Military Institute. ('77.)
'77. Ky. Alpha, Forest Academy. ('78.)
'78. Ala. Iota, Southern University.
'78. Ala. Alpha Mu, Alabama A. & M. College.
'79. Tenn. Kappa, University of Tennessee.
'79. Ga. Delta, North Georgia State College. ('88.)
'81. S. C. Upsilon, Charleston College. ('82.)
'81. Tenn. Omega, University of the South.
'81. Tex. Rho, University of Texas.
'81. Ga. Epsilon, Emory College. ('88.)
'82. S. C. Delta, South Carolina College.
'82. Ky. Kappa, Central University.
'82. Tenn. Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University.
'83. Pa. Delta, Pennsylvania College. ('84.)
'83. N. C. Theta, Davidson College.
'83. S. C. Lambda, S. C. Military Academy.
'84. Fla. Upsilon, University of Florida. ('85.)
'84. Va. Pi, Emory & Henry College.
'84. Mo. Alpha, University of Missouri.
'84. Va. Tau, Richmond College. ('87.)
'84. S. C. Mu, Erskine College. ('88.)
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- '85. Ky. Epsilon, South Kentucky College. ('87.)
 - '85. Ohio Sigma, Mt. Union College.
 - '85. S. C. Gamma, Wofford College.
 - '86. La. Zeta, Thatcher Institute. ('89.)
 - '87. Mich. Alpha, Adrian College.
 - '87. Pa. Omega, Allegheny College.
 - '87. Tex. Beta, Buffalo Gap College. (1887.)
 - '87. Miss. Theta, Mississippi Agricultural College.
 - '87. Tex. Psi, Southwestern University. (1888.)
 - '89. Mich. Iota Beta, University of Michigan.
 - '89. Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University.
 - '89. Iowa Sigma, Simpson College.
 - '90. Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati.
 - '90. Ga. Tau, Georgia School of Technology.
 - '90. Pa. Sigma Phi, Dickinson College.
 - '91. Colo. Chi, University of Colorado.
 - '91. N. Y. Alpha, Cornell University.
 - '91. Colo. Zeta, University of Denver.
 - '92. Ind. Alpha, Franklin College.

Active chapters, 38; inactive, 27.

It is true that we have more inactive chapters than any other fraternity, Delta Tau Delta coming next with twenty-six, but it is also true that S. A. E. was a greater sufferer from the civil war than any other fraternity. At the outbreak of the war we had fifteen flourishing chapters. All were prostrated, and the doors of seven of them remain closed to this day. Others have since been revived, but have never recovered their pristine vigor. Of the active chapters, S. C. Lambda is practically dead, owing to a decree of the faculty, though the charter is still retained by a few survivors. Miss. Gamma is reduced to one man, Bro. C. B. Ames, and Va. Pi has only three men and an unflattering outlook. The E. C.'s will do well to send these two chapters all the encouragement and sympathy possible.

The remaining chapters are in a flourishing condition.

But though our list of dead chapters is higher than that of our rivals, our percentage is not, which of course is the true way of comparison. Chi Phi, Delta Psi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Alpha and Theta Delta Chi each have a larger percentage of dead chapters than S. A. E.

A FEW "DONT'S."

DON'T let the chapter languish for want of men. See that the ranks are kept full.

DON'T be backward in paying your dues. Money is a necessity in most of things mundane, and especially in a fraternity.

DON'T sit down and wish the chapter had more life in it, but go to work and do your part at least toward infusing new energy into it.

DON'T belittle your rivals while rushing a man. It is unworthy of an S. A. E. to do so, and moreover, it does not heighten the rushee's respect for the fraternity. We stand on our merits and past record.

DON'T spend your time talking of your loyalty and love for S. A. E., it is a foregone conclusion that you as a Sig. have that love, but remember the time honored "saw" of "actions speak louder than words."

DON'T forget to hold the meetings and make them a time for rest and recreation. Sing the songs, tell the tales; that helps so much to make in after years the memories of your college days happy ones.

G. G. H.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

At 6:30 p. m. on Saturday, the 5th of March, Brother William Mack and I boarded a train of the Southern Pacific railroad at Fourth and Townsend streets, San Francisco. Our

destination was Redwood City, and our mission one of love and devotion. It was the close of a beautiful California spring day. The atmosphere was balmy and the breeze bore to the nostrils the sweet perfumes of the opening flowers of spring. The sun was sinking to rest beneath the waves of the Pacific, and its last rays fell upon Fort Point, the grim sentinel of the Golden Gate, and passing beyond were reflected upon the waters of the Bay of San Francisco to the spires and house-tops of Oakland and Berkeley.

Nature seemed to smile for man, and man in turn was enraptured with her beauty. There was an inspiration to be gained from the surroundings, but your travelers needed it not—a few short hours would bring to them a realization of hopes and dreams long indulged in, a result accomplished after many weeks of labor.

A ride of little over an hour through the ever-shifting beauties of the coast range brought us to Redwood City, the suburban retreat of many of San Francisco's wealthiest and proudest, nestling amid the green hills of San Mateo, with the broad valley of the Santa Clara lying in the distance. As the train rolled into the station, our car was boarded by a number of eager and strong-lunged fellows, who unceremoniously hustled us from train to bus, and before we realized what had happened, we were standing in the spacious parlors of Price's hotel shaking hands with and receiving warm welcomes from the generous-hearted boys who were soon to swear allegiance to our fair goddess and don the purple and gold. The preliminaries were soon arranged, and Bro. Mack acting as E. A., and your correspondent as E. K., revealed the beauties of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to eight as good men and true as ever wore the diamond.

The initiation ceremony having been completed, the newly-established chapter proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:

W. E. Luman, Santa Rosa, Cal., E. A.

J. S. Gifford, Kokomo, Ind., E. D. A.

H. C. King, Atchison, Kan., E. R.
H. J. Cox, Petaluma, Cal., E. C.
G. J. Bancroft, Denver, Colo., E. T.
L. A. Pressley, Santa Rosa, Cal., E. Ch.
C. S. Downing, Pleasanton, Cal., E. W.
J. R. Edwards, Santa Rosa, Cal., E. H.

This duty finished, California Alpha was armed and equipped for the work that it is going to do for the honor and glory of S. A. E. at the Leland Stanford Jr. University.

The newly-elected officers immediately assumed their duties. Brother Mack then introduced your correspondent, who devoted a few minutes to giving a historical sketch of the fraternity—the hardships that she has overcome and the triumphs that she has achieved. Brother Mack then followed in an eloquent address upon “The Spirit of S. A. E.” His remarks were pregnant with useful information to the new chapter, and were listened to with earnest attention.

At the close of Bro. Mack’s remarks we were invited to the spacious dining room of the hotel, where an elegant supper awaited us. Brother Luman took the seat at the head of the table, and in a few beautiful and well-chosen remarks, welcomed the visitors in the name of his chapter. In closing he pledged his best efforts to the success of S. A. E. at the great institution it had just entered. Brother Gifford responded to the toast of “Sigma Alpha Epsilon as I Have Found It.” Brother Gifford’s remarks were full of beauty and eloquence. He dwelt especially upon the purity of the thoughts contained in the ritual that had been read in his hearing. Brother King then spoke on “My Idea of a Fraternity.” He handled the subject like a veteran, and his remarks showed that he had considered well the step he had taken. Brother Bancroft was next in order, and responded to “The Prospects of California Alpha.” If his prophecies are fulfilled, the older chapters will have to look to their laurels. His remarks were greeted with storms of applause. Some miscreant about this time suggested that your humble correspondent make a few remarks about

the "Ladies." Had it not been for the fact that the Southern reputation for gallantry had to be upheld, he would have refused. So often has his heart been broken by California beauty that the subject was a sore one. Although it is an easy task to pay tribute to the glorious beauty of California's fair daughters, yet I wish that some one more worthy had been called upon to lay flowers of eloquence at their feet. Brother Cox made a ringing response to the toast of "California Alpha," in which he said it was the determination of the chapter to immediately push the subject of a chapter house. Already had they talked the matter over and laid plans for its building. Brother Pressley's toast was "Leland Stanford Junior University." He spoke of its present excellence and predicted a glorious future for it that is bound to be realized. Brother Downing, the handsome right tackle on the university foot ball team and first-baseman on the base ball team, talked about "Athletics." The cool, easy and determined way in which he spoke of coming victories made your correspondent decidedly glad that he was not likely to be called upon to oppose him. Brother Edwards is a man of comprehensive mind. He was not satisfied to take any one subject. He spoke of the university, the fraternities there, its athletics, and other kindred subjects. Brother Edwards is also an athlete, and occupies the position of second baseman on the university team. Brother Mack then rose, and in his usual happy manner thanked the new chapter individually and collectively for the warm welcome and many hospitalities shown the visitors. He said he was very much impressed by three things—the enthusiastic interest the new members took in the fraternity, the unusual degree of congeniality that existed between them, and their fealty to their university. He said that where such conditions existed, success for the chapter was assured. His remarks were full of encouragement to the chapter, and were closed by proposing three cheers and a tiger for California Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which were given with a hearty good will. An adjournment was then had to the par-

lors, where songs and jokes were indulged in until time for the boys to take the midnight train for Palo Alto and the university.

Brother Mack and I then retired with a feeling of satisfaction that had not come to us for many a day. Next morning at 9:30 we took the train for Menlo Park, where we were met by Bro. Cox and driven to the university, about two miles distant. After arriving there we were taken to Bro. Luman's room, where we found most of the boys assembled to meet us. A tour of sight-seeing was then commenced which would take me many pages to describe, and which I will reserve for a future article descriptive of the university. Suffice it to say that we were lost in admiration of the beauty of the place and its appointments. Money has not been spared, and everything that human ingenuity has devised for man's comfort and convenience are to be found on every side. The elegance and beauty of the buildings are unrivaled by those of any other American college. A half of a day was thus spent in visiting various places of interest about the university. We then went to the world-renowned Palo Alto stables, the home of Palo Alto, Sunol, Arion and Bell Bird, the world's four greatest trotters. We then returned to the university, where dinner awaited us. After dinner the afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation with the boys until time for us to take the train for San Francisco.

We reached home at 5:30 p. m. Sunday, thoroughly tired, but thoroughly satisfied with the result of our trip.

Fraternity life is very active at Stanford University, Sigma Alpha Epsilon being the seventh fraternity to enter there. Those which had preceded us were the following: Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Sigma Mu Chi, Phi Kappa Psi and Zeta Psi. Several others are trying to get in. Cal. Alpha starts off with a list of eight men, and they are eight as good men as there are in the university. The strongest efforts of several other fraternities were made to capture nearly every one of our men. Our initiates are thoroughly imbued with the

spirit of the fraternity. They stand high in every department of college life. In their keeping I feel that the honor of S. A. E. is safe and its success assured. The time will yet come when the Pacific coast will be the home of many Sigs, and then warm welcomes will be extended the brothers from beyond the mountains. Let every chapter in the fraternity send its warmest welcome to the new sister by the Pacific.

San Francisco, Cal.

EDWIN DuBOSE SMITH.

SOME THRUSTS.

“Take care of your *minutes*, and the hours will take care of themselves.” So might Father Time be supposed to enjoin the festive youth who lost too many precious moments. That’s what I propose to do with mine—when they come; but I’m afraid I’ll never get any until I get to another convention and take some down for myself. Hereafter my chapter is going to employ a stenographer who will return it a type-written account of things within at least three months after the events have happened. Say, let’s call them “months” anyhow, or “ages” rather—“minutes” seem to carry such a flavor of satire! When you get yours, raise the convention whistle. I have been whistling in vain ever since Christmas.

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Since the division of the offices some members aver the E. S. A. will have nothing to do. That is a startling admission for past management. Is it possible that the E. S. A. in past years has been paid all the way from twenty-five to fifty per cent for making a certain amount of guaranteed collections? That seems hardly possible. But if it has been even thus, the new plan will provide for these collections at a more nominal cost—approximately the regular commercial rate for bad debt collections; and as these debts are by far the greater part of

them paid without serious dunning, and all are recognized as valid, the E. S. T. will be well paid for the work he does, and he ought to feel satisfied.

As for the E. S. A. not having anything to do since his emancipation from the exchequer, all those who attended the Atlanta convention will remember the abundant field of work mapped out for him there. His hands are full with simply the doing what has been too much neglected in time past, or what has been relegated to voluntary effort. He will not want for being as busy as he chooses in our present active work. With him it is as Carlyle said: "Not *what* to do, but *do*." Let us join hands with the E. S. A. and see what an officer can accomplish for planning and execution, unhampered by purely clerical work and the usual drudgery of finance.

Reflecting on the parable of the ten talents one cannot refrain from applying it—with all due kindness—to the manner in which some chapters barter and make others, while some seem to prefer the seclusion of a napkin beneath the earth. It may be due to a bad injunction from the master who started them forth on their chapter career. Perhaps, if he had given them the benefit of his experience at the start, and in some wise mapped out a course they should pursue, perhaps *then* none would have suffered their opportunities to pass unheeded, but each would have done as the faithful servant. Perhaps it is due to some early misfortune from which the chapter never recovered; or perhaps from an innate imbecility that was never otherwise! At any rate there are no new talents to show for the old, and whatever the cause of failure in this line, without waste of words we should get at the foundation, and mend matters. It is not too late for plying our fortunes with the unused talents, for the Good Master has not yet required of S. A. E. a return of her "modest ones." The way is still open; let's see if we can help them to productive activity.

Examples are good arguments. Colorado Chi, after securing her own foundation at the University of Colorado, within less than a year scaled the ramparts of the University of Denver

and threw into S. A. E.'s lap a "ten talents" as bright and shining as her own. That chapter is already stronger, better, more enthusiastic for it. Already she asks for another chance to barter for Rocky mountain ingots. Besides that they were preparing to enter Leland Stanford university when news came from that quarter that the California Sigs. had already pledged a chapter to raise the banner! That's work for a chapter in swaddling clothes, and it is worthy an anti-bellum grandma in Sigdom!

Michigan Alpha, too, won Ann Arbor as soon as it was possible, and then Dickinson, and now Franklin, and meanwhile has been engaged in several other contests of note, and is not done yet. Ohio Sigma, the first star of the north, won the distinction of Allegheny, Adrian, Ohio Wesleyan, Cincinnati, Simpson. These have done famously and are still doing with might and main. They deserve praise for their efforts and gratitude for their successes.

Now S. A. E. has several neighborhoods in which less activity has been displayed, but in which the field is equally ripe for the bravest. To these we turn our eyes and look for coming victories.

Iowa Sigma has a ripe field with about six neighboring schools that can well be investigated. We have watched this corner patiently for nearly three years, meanwhile another has jumped clean over Iowa and dug at the treasures of Pike's Peak with a "paying lead."

Now the boys of Simpson, under the able colonelcy of Brother J. P. Morley, have a fine chance to put out talents at interest in Iowa, and S. A. E. will stand by to hold the bag.

Missouri Alpha—once our far-west chapter but now about the center of things—always in line and working for the goal, but just avoiding that "double-quick" which is sure to get one there, has not yet held up its increase of burnished gold in the state of forests and swamps and flourishing schools, but remains alone in its virgin quiet and wonders *when* the day of jubilee will dawn. At least, that has been the Alpha of the past. But

already her boys have thrown aside the fetters of ultra-conservatism—which means lethargy—and to a man they are at work for strengthening the chapter and taking the state. They'll do it too. Whenever a veteran "shakes off the old man of the sea" and takes a hand in progress you may look for results. The boys of Alpha are determined to have them now, from all appearances.

In the far southwest there lies Rho, the robust, dreaming amid sweet beds of the "yellow rose of Texas!" That's all right, Rho, enjoy yourself; for you have captured the University of Texas; but when you also wake up to your loneliness, remember your short, sweet intercourse with that fair young sister named "Psi."

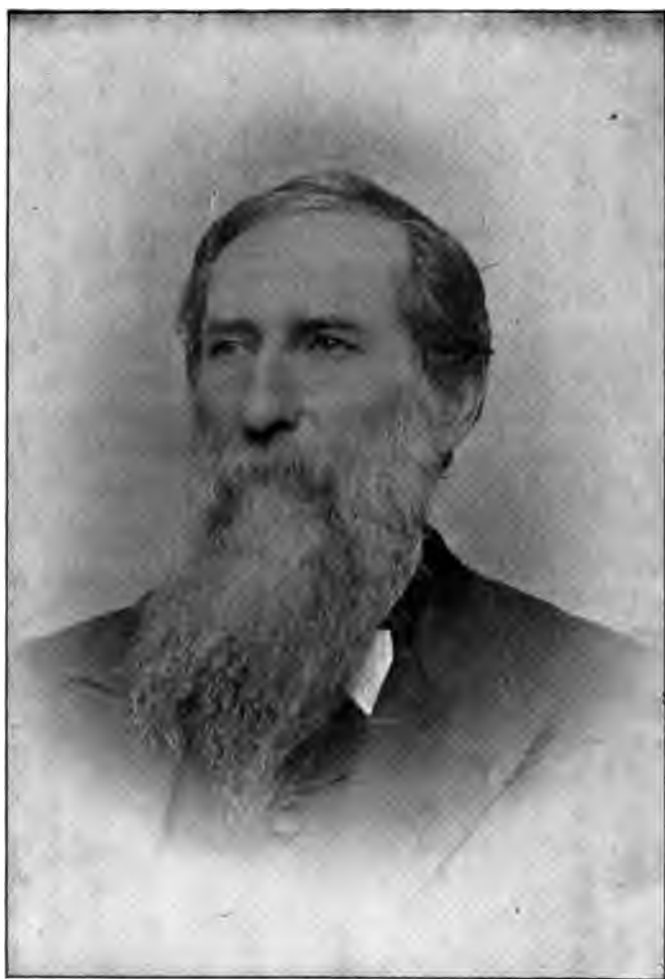
There are others that might be mentioned, but we have considered only the frontiers, where our talents lie buried and rusting. At another time our lance shall be thrust at a few older chapters on our native heather which seem to take to the napkin idea.

Meanwhile our weapon is brought to a rest while we turn to Burger and Denton, and then west to Mack and Smith, and say, "Watchmen, what of the night?" More anon.

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ROBERT FRANKLIN BUNTING, D. D.
TENNESSEE ZETA.

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Few lives have been spent in such restless, well-directed energy as that of Rev. Dr. Bunting. Comparatively few men have accomplished so much good. His work in the Christian ministry has covered a wide field, among varying classes and conditions, and for many years. When on September 19th, his noble life went out, and his pure soul leaped to the fellowship of Christ, he was still doing valiant service for the Master, every fibre of his nature being in harmony and vibrating to the sole purpose of saving sinners. Like the true soldier, his armor was on when he died, and from the Christian battlefield his soul went straight to its reward.

Dr. Bunting was born in Hookstown, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, May 9th, 1828. His parents were natives of Eastern Pennsylvania, and of that sturdy Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock which has done so much for church and state. He entered Washington college (now Washington & Jefferson) as a junior in 1847, graduating the following year. Entering the Princeton Theological Seminary the succeeding fall, he completed his course at the end of three years. Meanwhile he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick in the old "Freehold church," of Revolutionary fame, at Monmouth, N. J. In 1852 he returned home and was ordained as an "evangelist to Texas." His journey of 2,800 miles to Houston was made by water in twenty-six days. He traveled over most of that then unbroken wilderness as the "boy preacher," organizing a number of growing churches; but after three years his health compelled him to abandon that work, and he settled in the old Mexican city of San Antonio. There he rapidly moulded a congregation out of the mixed population and built a handsome church. It was then the frontier Protestant church of the United States. San Antonio remained his home till the outbreak of the war. Meanwhile he married Mrs. Chrissie S. Craig of Steubenville, Ohio, a life

companion of rare culture and loveliness, and a character eminently fitted to aid him in his life work.

Then the war came on. Dr. Bunting's friends and many of the members of his church hastily organized into troops and prepared to march to battle. He was appointed and accepted the position of chaplain of the famous Terry's Texas Rangers. During the four long years of war he shared all the perils and privations of the Rangers, devoting himself to the service of the needy soldier, whether for the care of their shattered bodies or their famishing souls. He rode with them through their thickest frays, and in the lulls of fighting preached the need of God. He accomplished a remarkable work of grace in the regiment, over one hundred being converted.

At the conclusion of the war Dr. Bunting accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Nashville, Tenn. Here he labored over three years with unusual success, receiving three hundred and forty-nine persons into the communion of the church. That church was then considered the foremost in the Southern General Assembly. While there, in view of his great ability and service to the church, Hampden Sydney college conferred on Dr. Bunting the honorary degree of doctor of divinity.

Being next called to Galveston, Texas, Dr. Bunting again labored with marked success as pastor of the First church for twelve years. Under his ministry that church grew to have the largest membership in the state, and erected the magnificent building now in use, which is considered one of the handsomest church edifices in Texas to-day. For four years, while in Galveston, in addition to his pastorate, Dr. Bunting was editor of *The Texas Presbyterian*, an eight-page weekly. In this editorial capacity he showed splendid ability. During the war also, Dr. Bunting was correspondent of *The Houston Post*, and his preserved letters from the Rangers have much historic value.

In 1884 Dr. Bunting went to the First church of Rome, Ga., for a brief pastorate of two years, which he resigned on being elected to fill the Palmer chair of theology in the South-western Presbyterian university at Clarksville, Tenn. He was

engaged in this great work four years, his field covering nine southern states, and he succeeded in endowing that seminary, which will ever remain a monument to his zeal and energy.

The last pulpit Dr. Bunting occupied was at Gallatin, Tenn. Here he lived and labored for two years, during which time he rejuvenated that church to an unprecedented activity. Just a few weeks before his death he had been called to the First church at Brunswick, Ga., which he had accepted and was rapidly preparing to fulfill. Indeed, he was just returning home from a meeting of Presbytery near Lebanon, Tenn., with his letter of dismissal from the Nashville Presbytery in his pocket, when death overtook him. Within another week he would have been established with his family in his new home by the sea. But God willed otherwise, and carried him to that better home by the fountain of living waters.

During his connection with the Southwestern Presbyterian University, Dr. Bunting became intimately associated with the boys of Tennessee Zeta Chapter—in which he has four sons—and there he took the regular initiation as an honorary member. He was ever interested in S. A. E. and his counsel did much to advance the chapter.

Dr. Bunting was of a deep, affectionate nature, and he won the admiration and confidence of all who knew him. He was as cheerful as a school boy, and he always made bright and happy every one near him. As a husband, as a father, and as a pastor, during a life of over three score years, he was always devoted, unselfish and sympathetic—a model man and a typical Christian.

ROBERT BARTON M'CALLIE, A. B.

Robert B. McCallie was a boy of rare ability and character. He had only attained his majority a few weeks before death overtook him on the 28th of last September. In June he had graduated with distinction and honors at Southwestern Presbyterian University, where he made an enviable record as a gentleman and a student.

Robert was the second son of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. McCallie, of Chattanooga. He received his preparatory education in that city. In the fall of 1889, Robert entered the university at Clarksville, where he at once selected the boys of S. A. E. as his intimate friends, and in turn, he was taken almost immediately by them into their hearts and chapter. There was never a boy in Tennessee Zeta who more closely endeared himself to his club-mates and his professors. Although in disposition of decided preferences, and always on one side in every issue, yet he was universally popular—popular with all sides and with every class of students. A recognized leader in all his classes, he also took a prominent part in his literary society, in his fraternity, and in the management of the S. W. P. U. Journal one term, while in all out-of-door sports he was easily a champion. His presence was welcome in every circle of college men, whether for duty or pleasure. His friends were legion.

But within every circle of general, and even warm acquaintances, there grow always a few chosen and trusted friends, whose very natures are knit by ties of love and sympathy. Sustaining this enviable relation to Robert, I knew, perhaps, better than any of his boy friends, the real depth of his heart, and the richness of his nature. He was, in every sense, a boy of the noblest impulses, and the most generous actions—one of nature's own noblemen.

Robert had a quick, speculative mind, and it was his delight during his college life, with that keen relish of budding intellect, just wakening to its powers, to give his thoughts scope on the

mysterious problems of nature and of religion. Often, in the starlight, on the old college campus, when books and cares were put aside for the night, I have strolled and talked with Robert on such themes—then, perhaps, claiming for the first time sober consideration. Then it was too, that I always felt nearest to dear old “Bob,” and closer to his big warm heart. At such a time his quick mind and sincere nature made him the most enviable of companions.

Throughout his life Robert constantly adhered to the Christian faith, ever cherishing the love of Christ, and his power to redeem sinners. When told by his father that death was near, his answer beautifully exemplified the confidence of his former life in the words: “Pray the Master come quickly!”

He died at Rhea Springs, Tennessee, after a summer’s suffering from an acute attack of nervous dyspepsia, which had gradually wasted his strength for many weeks. In his death there are many friends who mourn a sincere and lovable boy, whose place none can ever, ever fill.

“O! for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!”

HARRY S. BUNTING.

EDITORIAL.

Where Pan-Hellenism fails to solve the "prep" question, we believe the fraternity men of our college faculties can serve the Greek world in no better way than to decree the "prep" as non-eligible to the honors of fraternity connection. Fraternity membership has come to be accepted as a sign of college culture and training, and a fraternity pin is supposed to designate that intellectual attainment and social refinement which always mark the well-rounded college man.

But so long as "preps" are initiated, there will occasionally go forth from college halls, from force of circumstances or otherwise, a man wearing the fraternity emblem, who has not yet even reached the rudiments of the college course. Whatever his success may be in after life, it can scarcely be of such a character as to reflect any particular credit upon the organization that claims his allegiance.

At certain institutions it may be necessary to initiate "preps" in order to meet the policy of rival societies, but in such cases it should only be done when the candidate is reasonably sure of remaining in college for the full course and is of unusual promise.

No action of our late convention was more timely than the abolition of honorary initiations. In the early days of the fraternity when our alumni were as yet unknown to the world, honorary members were no doubt an advantage and their names added something to the fraternity's standing.

But if after thirty-five years it is still necessary to gain distinguished names in this way, it is a confession of weakness on our part. Fortunately no such necessity exists. In the distribution of honor's prizes the sons of S. A. E. have neither been overlooked nor found wanting.

There may be rare exceptions, but as a rule an honorary member adds little to the life or interest of a chapter to which he belongs. A man who has gone through his college days without experiencing the close sympathies, intimate associations and inspirations of fraternity life cannot be expected to obtain more than a superficial view of the chapter's inner workings or to throw himself into sympathy with it. He sees only the outward form and of course finds it shallow and disappointing.

We are sorry to learn that one of our chapters has increased its honorary list since the convention. We presume the chapter was ignorant of the convention's action as the minutes are unaccountably slow in appearing this year. We have no doubt of the gentleman's fitness for membership, but as the fraternity has decided to abandon that class of initiations it is the duty of each chapter to comply with the convention's decree.

Among the resolutions passed by the recent convention was one authorizing the Supreme Council to designate a day to be observed by all chapters, active and alumni, as Founders' Day, and to suggest appropriate exercises therefor. We are sorry the council has as yet taken no action on this suggestion.

Our alumni chapters especially need some outlined, specific work given them to do. When a convention comes their way, and fraternity work presents itself to them in a tangible form they are found to be ready and loyal enough, but without some such stimulant our alumni chapters exist in name only. Unfortunately the convention cannot meet with all the alumni chapters, and the idea of active work for the fraternity passes further and further from the alumnus missed.

When Founders' day is once established, we believe it will become the special duty of the E. S. A., assisted by the province presidents, to urge the alumni chapters to observe that day in some appropriate manner and to provide them with certain topics relating to the fraternity's welfare for discussion and consideration at their meeting. With this specific duty clearly set before them we believe the alumni chapters without

exception, will arrange for an annual meeting and banquet, and not only will our founders be duly honored, but the bond of sympathy between active and alumni will be greatly strengthened.

As to the day to be selected none could be more appropriate than March 9, the anniversary of the day on which De Votie, Kerr, Foster, Rudolph, Cockrell, Dennis and Patton met to organize the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Any one having a spare copy of the January, 1891, RECORD will confer a favor on Brother Garrard G. Harris, of St. Elmo, Tenn., by communicating the fact to him.

We invite your attention to the advertisement of the Atlanta Engraving Co. in this issue.

Any one desiring special cuts for college papers or annuals will do well to consult them.

For the beautifully written sketch of the life of Brother W. H. Washington in our last issue we are indebted to Brother H. T. Bunting. The proper credit was overlooked at the time.

No issue of the RECORD under the present management has appeared without bearing news of the addition of a chapter to our fold. This time it is Indiana Alpha, and the E. C.'s are urged to acquaint her with the hearty welcome which we know exists for her in the hearts of the older chapters.

Pa. Sigma Phi has taken hold of the catalogue work vigorously since the convention. The circular letter and list of questions which have been prepared and sent to the Grand chapters are very full and complete. All now depends on the energy of the Grand chapters in pushing the work to completion. We have no reports from them as yet.

After the first pages of the RECORD had gone to the printer the gratifying news came of the establishment of Cal. Alpha, at Leland-Stanford Jr. University on March 5th. The chapter is a result of the earnest work of Brothers Edwin D. Smith, S. C. Lambda and Wm. Mock, Mo. Alpha, both lawyers of San Francisco. They assure us that the new brothers are in every way fitted to make our name on the Pacific slope what it has long been east of the Mississippi and has recently become among the Rockies—the pride of its friends, the dismay of its opponents.

We are in receipt of a beautiful invitation to attend the first annual banquet of Col. Chi. We assure the boys of Chi. that only distance prevented our being there to share their joy at the successful close of the first year of their history, and their clean sweep in the local oratorical contest.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

All copy intended for the next issue of the RECORD must be in the editor's hand before June 10th. Chapter correspondents are requested to always state the number of men in chapter entitled to the RECORD, and to send alumni personals with each letter, on a separate sheet. Write *only* on one side of paper.

Ga. Beta—University of Georgia, Athens.

Beta comes forward this month with lots of good news to her sister chapters. We have just moved into our new home which is now decidedly the most desirable of any of the rival chapters. It is our intention to improve and beautify our rooms so as to leave an attractive home for the Sigs. who are to follow us. Yesterday the commandant announced the promotion from rank of Bros. Barfield and Taylor to sergeants of Co. A. This was quite a surprise for the boys, and it will take them some time to get over the usual initiation.

Our chapter this year claims the best double at tennis in college. We expect to have several tournaments before the season closes.

We all enjoyed seeing our S. A. E. brothers in Atlanta at the Auburn University game of foot ball, although we were defeated.

With a hearty grip for all the Sigs., from Beta,

Yours fraternally,

Box No. 246.

J. SCUDDER GOETCHINS.

Ga. Tau—Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.

Our chapter has only success for her correspondent to chronicle. We number thirteen men now in chapter. Bros. Bridge, '92; Davis, '93; Draper, '95; Freeman, '92; Hall, '94; Hull, '95; Jackson, '93; Little, '93; McRae, '93; Nowell, '92;

Nuunally, '95; Sheffield, '94, and Wylie, '93, make up our roll.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Sig. world Bro. Joel W. Little. In making him a Sig. we have secured for our chapter one of the brightest minds in college and one of the cleverest boys at the same time. Bro. Little led '93 last half year.

Bros. McRae and Wylie as you see are again with us and their presence adds a great deal to our pleasure, as having lost them once we can better appreciate them now.

The A. T. O.s resorted to a trick recently that I believe to be without an equal in underhanded meanness. We are weak in the senior class, numbering only two men against their nine. Being chagrined at their defeat in the middle class election they decided to get even. So they called a class meeting of the seniors and proceeded to fire out the officers already elected for this year and refill them from their own ranks. We lost the office of historian by this move. His place as all the others were filled with A. T. O.s.

They offered the flimsy excuse that they would hold class day soon and must have best men in most prominent places. We could retaliate in like manner but deem it too far beneath our dignity to do so.

Our chapter meetings are more enjoyable now than ever before and are looked forward to with pleasure by every man in the chapter. The literary feature was never so well carried out as at present and of itself contributes much to success.

We are in receipt of postal announcing the founding of Cal. Alpha at Leland Stanford. We applaud the move and extend to the new chapter a most hearty welcome.

Our president is taking steps to establish at the Tech. a much needed addition in the form of a library. He is confident of success in the near future.

We desire to change our chapter name to Ga. Phi and have applied for authority to do so.

Wishing for every chapter as large a share of success as Tau is enjoying,

15 Merritts avenue.

I am, fraternally,

E. FENWICKE JACKSON.

Georgia Alpha Alumnus—Atlanta.

Now that the convention has been over several months, and the happy moments spent with the boys remain but in memory, it may be proper to say what those memories are that are cherished by the alumni of Georgia Alpha.

We were much pleased with the representative character of the delegates, their earnest zeal for the order and their marked ability for work in the convention hall. As long as Sigma Alpha Epsilon's interests are entrusted to such hands her future is safe. The boys were all a warm-hearted, royal set of fellows and we wish they could be with us again. As that will hardly happen in the natural course of conventions we propose going to them in the coming conventions.

After weeks of reflection upon the constitutional changes enacted we are better satisfied with them than ever. We believe a conscientious adherence to the work indicated by the convention on the part of our officers will bring surer and quicker returns than ever before. While some look askance at the alterations who do not quite understand their import, we feel sure that a very short experience will bring them out of the wilderness and prove the wisdom of the measure. Georgia Alpha Alumnus wishes our new chief, J. Washington Moore, and his able banker, John G. Capers, a year of unparalleled prosperity in rejuvenation and extension. We are yours in the work.

It is but just to express the gratitude of our chapter for the efficient services of Bro. Hooper Alexander, who served as treasurer of the reception committee with marked energy and success. He is also the present E. A. of our chapter, and among the bright young lawyers of Atlanta we can rate none higher. It was also a gratification to have our veteran war-horse in fraternity work, Bro. A. J. Smith, turn out and do such valiant work in the convention. "Ajax" is a famous hustler always, but in the Greek camp he strikes his "special specialty."

Brother Thomas Cobb Jackson and wife have returned from a bridal tour in England. This wedding was one of the

most brilliant ever occurring in Atlanta. Brother Jackson has already achieved considerable fame for a young lawyer. We have been pleased to welcome Bro. J. M. Mitchell, one of Beta's old boys, to Atlanta, where he has begun the law practice. Those who made the acquaintance of Lewis W. Thomas at the convention will be pleased to know that he is making himself famous as Solicitor-General. Brother W. G. Cooper, of *The Constitution* staff, was detailed to write up the Third Party Convention, which assembled recently at St. Louis. He is a coming journalist for depth of thought and honest expression. The other Sigs are all doing well.

The Atlanta boys got a comic valentine in prose from South Carolina Delta some weeks ago, which like to have "busted" them open for its covert irony and humor. They laughed, tore their faded whiskers, and laughed again. It was rich. No, brothers, we are not "dead" yet; possibly "misguided," but still trotting in the circle. We'll always be here when we're wanted, too.

Our young brothers at the "Teck" are doing famously, and since the meeting of the convention here, seem to have a truer insight into the importance of fraternity hustling. The chapter is building up rapidly. Recently Atlanta was turned over to the college boys of this state and Alabama in honor of the foot ball game between Athens and Auburn. Both teams played splendidly. Auburn walked off with a flying record. The S. A. E.s from Athens came up in a body, marshalled by Brother Thomas Mell, and a quartette came over from Auburn. The woods were full of Greeks of all tribes.

Warmest greetings to Denver University, Leland Stanford, Franklin and those in the bud. The western news is the best yet.

Faternally,

HARRY S. BUNTING.

Alabama Alpha Mu.—A. & M. College, Auburn.

Alpha Mu is glad of an opportunity to extend through the pages of *THE RECORD* a warm and hearty welcome to the sev-

eral chapters that have been so recently added to our roll. Nothing is so indicative of the prosperity of a fraternity as to see her chapter roll continually increase; and especially so when the chapters are at worthy institutions, and give signs of a long, prosperous and useful life.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity our last initiate, Brother Joseph Beasley Rudolph. Brother Rudolph comes from a family of Sigs. His uncle was one of De Votie's associates and he has two cousins who are wearers of the purple and gold. He has the distinction of being a member of the class of '94, and promises to become one of its foremost members.

Our college came out victorious in the great inter-state contest between Georgia and Alabama. The team from the University of Georgia met our boys in Atlanta on February 22nd. Thousands of people witnessed the game, and although the grounds were very muddy, they had the pleasure of seeing the finest game of foot-ball ever played in the South. Ten to nothing in favor of Auburn, shows in a very significant manner which one of the teams was the best.

Alabama Sigs are agitating very strongly over getting up a state association. Such an organization would prove of inestimable benefit to us and we hope soon to be able to report a large and flourishing association composed of the S. A. E.s all over the state.

It is to be hoped that the fraternity will accept Bro. Peeple's offer to donate a lot on Lookout Mountain, provided the fraternity will build a cottage thereon. There is no more delightful summer resort in the United States than Lookout Mountain, and a club house upon it would be of much pleasure and benefit to us. Chattanooga has a large number of Sigs, all of whom would give this matter their personal attention and strive to make it in every way a grand success.

Again welcoming the new chapters I am as ever,

Yours in the Purple and Gold,

CHAMPE SEABURY ANDREWS.

N. B.—In the last RECORD, *Bro. Boylson* should have read *Bro. Boykin*.

S. C. Delta—S. C. College, Columbia.

Delta once again sends greeting to her sister chapters and hopes that the enthusiasm of the Atlanta convention has not died away.

A few days ago Bro. O. R. Withers died. He had taken many honors during his brief course in college and was very popular among the other fraternity men. His death covered us for a while with grief, but we remembered that after seemingly ultimate defeat comes a glorious victory, and quite true has this proved to us. It showed us that we would have to go hard to work to try to recover from the severe loss, and we have gone to work.

We hold both president of the Pan-Hellenic association and chairman of the Pan-Hellenic german committee. We also hold other highly respected offices but through modesty I abstain from mentioning them.

Yours fraternally,

W. WESTON JR.

S. C. Phi—Furman University, Greenville.

The intermediate examinations are now over and our boys have more time to pay their respects to the young ladies. Sigs. never fail to carry off some of the honors. This is proved to be true in the last election of officers for the literary societies. Bro. Moore was elected editor-in-chief of the University Journal and your obedient servant was elected to the position of assistant editor.

The last election of chapter officers resulted as follows: W. D. Moore, E. A.; W. W. Snider, E. D. A.; Geo. T. Baker, E. C.; E. G. Stuart, E. R.; B. M. Cheatham, E. T.; R. W. Alderman, E. W.; Clarence Miller, E. H.

We have initiated seven men this year all of whom *are men*. They are as follows: E. G. Stuart, Russell Hart, W. C. Clinkscales, Clarence Miller, J. R. Hoover, Wm. Bland and myself. Mr. Bland was the last one initiated and our "royal bumper" went for him with a good will. He is a splendid

student and will make us a good man. As much can be said of all the above named gentlemen.

Our chapter will give an entertainment on Friday night next week. We all expect to enjoy ourselves hugely. We have just the finest kind of lady Sigs.; they are as loyal as can be, and when we have the time we cannot help but make ourselves "numerous" about them.

We are very sorry to announce that Bros. J. E. Wakefield, J. B. Scott, W. C. Clinkscales and Burts are unable to be with us at present. They are four of our most influential men and hardest workers. We hope, however, to have them all back with us at the beginning of the next term.

Wishing most success to all in bonds of S. A. E., I am,

Yours fraternally, GEO. T. BAKER.

S. C. Gamma—Wofford College, Spartanburg.

We lose several men in June by graduation, but leave our chapter in good hands. We have no fears for the future. Our prospects are as bright as those of any of our rival fraternities. All the fraternities of Wofford will lose some of their best men in June. Out of a Senior class of twenty-nine, all are fraternity men except eight. They are distributed as follows: K. A., four; Chi Phi, five; Chi Psi, one; A. T. O., two; P. K. A., two; S. A. E., seven.

With spring comes the indulgence in college sports suited to warm, sunshiny weather. Tennis has come to be a very popular game. The college and city have had several contests for the championship. As yet the college wears the laurels of victory. Bro. J. O. Norton and Prof. Pritchard represent the college team. Bro. Norton is the acknowledged best player of the college. As the base-ball season progresses we trust to have our representatives there also. The team has not been fully organized yet, and we do not know who the best players will be.

On account of ill health, Bro. C. C. Gambell was advised by his physician to put aside college work for a season. Bro.

Gambell is now in a drug store at Batesburg, S. C. He was one of our most enthusiastic workers and one that we greatly miss. However, we hope to have him with us again next session.

Bro. D. W. Daniel has been offered a professorship in the Wofford Fitting School. As yet he has not accepted. He graduates in June, and will decide by that time whether he will accept the position or not.

Bro. J. J. Riley has been elected a delegate from the Y. M. C. A. of Wofford to attend the Y. M. C. A. State convention to be held in Spartanburg in April.

Your correspondent neglected to mention names of our officers in last communication. Though a little out of season, perhaps, nevertheless we will give them now: Bros. R. C. McRoy, E. A.; W. A. Dagnall, E. D. A.; W. D. Dent, E. R.; J. C. Covington, E. C.; W. E. Willis, E. T.; William Coleman, E. H.; L. M. Covington, E. W.

We have just received notice of the establishment of Cal. Alpha of S. A. E. We gladly welcome her into our midst and wish for her all the success and happiness within our power to wish.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. COVINGTON.

Virginia Omicron—University of Virginia.

Our chapter has now a membership of eight, Bros. Penick, Sanders, Moorman, Price, Jones, Moore, Davis and Sutherlin; also Bros. Russell and Wharton are at university in attendance upon the medical department, but owing to a great amount of work are not strictly affiliated members. Of the above members only four are old Omicron men, the others coming to us from other chapters.

The intermediate election came off a few days ago. Bro. Penick obtained an editorship on the university "Mag." Bro. Sutherlin is on *College Topics*, a paper published weekly by the students.

We are in the midst of our intermediate "exams." which means that we are hard at work and pushed for time, so *au revoir*.

J. H. SUTHERLIN.

Virginia Sigma—Washington and Lee University.

We have procrastinated so many times about writing to THE RECORD, that I have taken upon myself the responsibility of informing our brothers at large of Sigma's condition. As we were seriously crippled last June by the loss of Brothers Jas. A. Glasgow, Clifford Lanier, Jr., and Samuel McPheeters Glasgow, we were handicapped in the reorganization of our chapter at the beginning of the session; but at last we are on a firm basis. Bro. S. McPheeters Glasgow takes an active interest in all branches of our work, and aids us by his wise counsels very materially. So far four men have been allowed to peruse the mystic scroll. I take great pleasure in presenting to Sigdom the names of Sigma's *goats*: Robert A. Baker, of Florida; Percy Sandel, of Louisiana; Jno. D. McRae, and Hamilton S. Powell, of Arkansas. Our officers are: S. McP. Glasgow, E. A.; Allen Rendall, E. D. A.; R. A. Baker, E. R.; Preston J. Beale, E. T.; H. S. Powell, E. C.; Percy Sandel, E. W.; Jno. D. McRae, E. H. We hope with this roll to accomplish something for the good of S. A. E.

Fraternally,

ALLEN RENDALL.

Tennessee Zeta—S. W. P. U., Clarksville.

Zeta emerges from her temporary obscurity as strong and vigorous as ever. Don't think that because we were not represented at the convention we are anyways near death, for Zeta was not born to die this early. Our non-appearance at the Atlanta convention is due to that ubiquitous malady, commonly known as the "grip." About half of the chapter were sick, some had gone home, and it was impossible for any one to go to Atlanta. The first time, I think, that Zeta has failed to send a representation. Since my last letter we have initiated one active member, and one honorary. The active member is Bro.

J. W. Todd, of Henderson, Ky. We scored quite a victory in securing our honorary member, Prof. T. O. Deaderick. He has only been connected with the University since last September, but is already one of the most popular members of the faculty, and we take pleasure in introducing him to all the S. A. E. brothers. Zeta sends greetings to her namesake away off in Colorado, and best wishes for her continuous prosperity. Let the good work go on until North, South, East and West shall be firmly united in fraternal bonds. Bro. Capers did excellent work last year; let this year be even more prosperous. The fraternity as a whole was never in a more flourishing condition, although we have a few weak chapters. Let these now root out the cause of their weakness and place themselves among the foremost.

As a chapter Zeta is strong; strong in having a goodly number of manly men in sympathy with one another. A few honors have fallen to our lot this session. Bro. Mecklin is President of Washington Irving Society, and third commencement orator from that society.

Bros. Hersman, Stakely and McDougall are on the *University Journal* staff. Bro. McDougall is first debater from Stewart Literary Society, also valedictorian, while ye scribe holds the same positions in Washington Irving Society. The students generally are practicing for field-day and they expect to break some records the first of May. Two of Zeta's old members have visited us recently—Bros. L. G. Bordwell of Birmingham, Ala., and E. E. Reese of Pensacola, Fla. It is needless to say that they both found a warm welcome. With love and fraternal greetings to all the chapters both old and new.

F. R. GRAVES. •

Tennessee Lambda—Cumberland University, Lebanon.

Since our last letter Lambda chapter has been enjoying great prosperity. Its membership has been increased by the initiation of Bro. Whitesides of Tennessee, a member of the senior class, into the mysteries of our noble order, and the

return of Bro. McReynolds of Texas, who, since his graduation last year from the literary department, has been engaged in the real estate business at Jefferson, Texas. Bro. McReynolds entered the junior law class at the beginning of this term and is an enthusiastic Sig.

Bro. T. E. Halbert is at home from the Tennessee Medical college, where he has been attending the junior course of lectures. He meets with the chapter.

All the members of our chapter work harmoniously together and have the true esprit de corps, which is so necessary to the well being and prosperity of the fraternity.

We are very conservative in securing new members and select those only who in character are irreproachable and in talent richly endowed. We have about exhausted the material of the university.

Our officers for the ensuing term are as follows: J. L. Foust, E. A.; W. S. Kilpatrick, E. D. A.; C. W. Feild, E. C.; R. R. Dook, E. T., and O. D. McReynolds, E. R.

Fraternally, CLAYTON W. FEILD.

Tenn. Eta—S. W. Baptist University, Jackson.

By some mistake of Uncle Sam's postal service the November issue of the RECORD failed to reach us and our joy was almost unbounded when the January issue was received, as we had been fasting so long.

After many attempts by as many fraternities the Kappa Sigma has at last organized a chapter here. It has not as yet made any signs which would indicate its existence, except to show two badges worn by the "head and front" of the chapter.

• Although our last letter was too late for the RECORD, which might indicate that we were dead or sleeping, yet this cannot be said of us. Eta has received this year five worthy men, namely: Bros. J. P. Mallory, J. C. Small, W. A. Jorden, J. A. Tyson and C. M. Thompson. They are all zealous, wide-awake Sigs., and we take pleasure in introducing them to the

fraternity at large. Two others, Walter and William Hale, are standing at the door ready for admittance and ere you read this they will be numbered among the elect.

Bro. Thompson is now engaged in business in Jackson, and Bro. John Tyson has been compelled to leave college on account of bad health. He is recruiting now in Mississippi.

S. A. E. is well represented, as usual, in the commencement exercises. As we are fewer in numbers than ten per cent. of the college enrollment and are more than sixty per cent. of June speakers, we think that no higher praise of our high standing here could be set forth than that fact.

Trusting that this may reach you in time for the March RECORD, I am,

Yours fraternally,

ALLEN WINHAM.

Tenn. Kappa—University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The year 1892 finds Tenn. Kappa prosperous. We have now nine men, which is the largest chapter in the university. Our competitors are chapters of the Phi Gamma Delta and Kappa Sigma.

Our last initiate is Mr. C. W. Metcalf Jr. of Memphis.

Our delegate, Bro. Sanford, brings us most encouraging reports from the Atlanta convention. We, of the Tennessee chapters, are much gratified at the election of Bro. J. Washington Moore to the office of E. S. A. We are also glad to learn that Bro. Capers was retained in a responsible position.

With best wishes for all Sigdom, I am,

Fraternally,

J. N. HEISKELL.

Tenn. Alpha Alumnus—Chattanooga.

Alpha is still pursuing the "even tenor of her way," with no excitement beyond that caused by the news of a new chapter-birth or the arrival of the RECORD.

We are glad to welcome Indiana Alpha, Cal. Alpha and Col. Zeta into our midst, and are confident that they will fight

bravely for the interest of S. A. E. May they live long and prosper is the earnest wish of Alpha Alumnus.

The fraternity must have imbibed some unseen "elixir of life," for now she is establishing chapters, formerly she was withdrawing chapters. Let the good work go on. We are bound to grow, only let us grow in the right direction—into first-class institutions or none at all.

Bro. S. S. Gerstel, Tenn. Kappa '91, is now with us, and holds the responsible position of general manager in his father's large patent medicine factory.

Bro. J. S. Lattner will soon join the chapter. Bro. Lattner has one of the largest coal and wood yards in Chattanooga.

Bro. J. L. Mulhannan, Tenn. Zeta, recently paid us a visit.

We would ask our brothers to address all chapter communications to the undersigned's address, which is box 57, St. Elmo, Tenn., as they would probably be lost if sent to Chattanooga.

Good luck to the old chapters, God bless the new ones, and continue the good work.

Faithfully and fraternally,

GARRARD G. HARRIS.

Texas Rho—University of Texas, Austin.

Intellectually, morally and socially, we have as noble a band as the most hopeful could wish. Though we have always scorned to stoop to meddle with "college politics," two of the four society presidents thus far elected have been Sigs., and even our rivals will admit that S. A. E. stands at the head of the list in the class-room.

But this is not all, nor half. Our proudest boast is that quite a number of the best, brightest and sweetest young ladies of the University call themselves "S. A. E. girls." I would like very much, Bro. Editor, to tell you of a quiet little banquet which their presence enlivened a few weeks ago, to tell you what a jolly crowd we had at supper, and, after that was over, how the time flew with music and the dance, and finally, what

memories of bright eyes and merry faces still linger after all is past,—I would like to tell of these things, but my poor pen recognizes that it is too feeble to handle such a subject, and I am forced to leave it to your imagination. However, let me add that Rho is “in the swim” to stay and, perhaps, before my letter is printed, we shall have given our girls—but this is yet a secret.

Thrice since the session began, have the sleepy of Austin been disturbed by the “Ru-rah” that followed the initiation of three new men. Two of these, Bros. Seale and Andrews, were admitted last November; the third, Bro. J. F. Nichols, was badged only a few weeks ago. Besides these, Bros. Homer and Provine, of Miss. Gamma, have been added to our roll. However, we regret the loss of one of our staunchest men, Bro. T. H. Stone, who was suddenly called home last week by the sickness of his father. We now number thirteen.

Six fraternities are represented here, and so far as I know, all are on good terms.

With greeting to all the chapters, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

L. G. BUGBEE.

Ohia Sigma—Mt. Union College, Alliance.

We are now nearing the close of the year's work and from every quarter comes encouraging letters to the Grand chapter, informing us of progress already made and of future expectations. The excellent work which has been done since the convention has stimulated our chapter to greater efforts to increase our strength. Already we have a strong working force, and lately another helpful knight joined our ranks, Wilbur J. Teeters, whom we take pleasure in presenting to our brothers.

Among the many other pleasant events occurring here none was more enjoyable than the mid-winter banquet, over which Bro. J. S. Reed presided. Toasts upon topics of importance and interest were responded to by Bros. C. C. Starr,

Lindale Smith, J. F. Jose, A. A. Brown and M. B. Excell. The opening address was delivered by C. A. Armstrong. This was heartily applauded by Sigma's ladies.

At present we are striving to make our hall as pleasant as possible as we spend many happy hours in recreation there.

The prospects for honor at the close of the year are good, as we shall control the "Unonian," an important stronghold, as well as honors on class day.

We are now busy with the catalogue work which was assigned to us, and we desire the chapters in our province to send in their reports as soon as possible to us.

With best wishes for all the brothers, I am,

Yours fraternally,

LINDALE SMITH.

Ohio Epsilon—University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

The true growth of a chapter occurs during the quiet periods of its existence, and Epsilon has the presumption to believe that her present quiet life indicates progress. The battles occurring during the first part of the college year, on the field of fraternity honors, are past, the wounds are healed, and a condition of peace exists between Greek and Greek, between Greek and Barbarian. We all are working for the common good and no argument in favor of fraternities could be stronger than the results shown by the combined efforts of the chapters existing at our college.

In the battles alluded to, Epsilon's sons have captured many proud prizes, and in her roll call are included the names of the presidents of both senior and junior classes, the manager and treasurer of our college journal and three members of the students' executive committee, this latter being the governing body of the students. In order to add spice to fraternity life our chapter recently issued a challenge to the Greeks of our University, inviting them to an oratorical contest. But such is the respect in which we are held by our rival chapters in this art, that they feared to enter the contest, and openly admitted our superiority. From the reports of our sister chap-

ters I am led to believe that S. A. E. finds no superior among college fraternities in the practice of oratory.

Fraternally,

WM. G. LANGENHEIM.

Ohio Alpha Alumnus—Alliance.

Brothers, our news is scarce, but such as we have we relate. From the sadness which we told in our last letter, we turn to a scene of joy, and hear the merry bells ring out the wedding chimes—a happy consummation of a tender love—

“Of love that says not mine and thine,
But ours, for ours is thine and mine.”

Bro. Chas. E. Schilling, Music class, '87, who graduated from the Medical College of the Western Reserve University on the 2d of March, was married on the following day to Miss Lora Putt, of Canton, O.; after a tour through the East, they will reside at Louisville, Ohio, where Bro. Schilling has resided for years. We extend congratulations.

During the absence of State Senator Chas. N. Snyder, of Leetonia, Ohio, at the capital of the State, Bro. John B. Morgan, ex-'90, is attending to the business of his office, and is gaining quite a local reputation as a careful, competent adviser. We predict great success for Bro. Morgan.

From the Mount Union *Dynamo* we learn that Bro. H. S. Miller, '91, is Superintendent of Schools at Dundee, Ohio. Bro. Miller won the first honor for scholarship in his class, the Greek oration. He is a teacher of large experience, and is eminently fitted for his work.

It is difficult to write a letter full of news, when there is no news to write; most of our men are quiet, only to break to view in some merry wedding scene, or in some field where worth has been recognized. We are pleased to see that the fraternity is making so many strides onward, and can heartily approve the proceedings of the convention (even if the minutes have not arrived). We are especially pleased with the recent work towards extension, and when we once enter the far East,

we shall be truly national. We extend our hand to the new chapters, and assure you that we take a lively interest in you if we are an alumnus chapter.

Cordially,

Boston, Mass.

H. C. BURGER.

Ky. Iota—Bethel College, Russellville.

Iota is moving along nicely, enjoying fraternal life. Greek life is at present rather quiet, and doubtless will continue thus the rest of the session, as the best material has been worked in. Our quietness by no means indicates that we are dead or uninterested in fraternity work, for we are alive and interested in all things pertaining to the advancement of the cause of the purple and gold. Fourteen answer to the mystic roll, and we are almost as much interested in our cause as the delegates at the convention; at any rate we have caught some of their enthusiasm.

We have had two additions since our last letter. Brother Givens, a former student, returned to continue his studies, and Mr. C. B. Trout, of Honey Grove, Texas, had the exquisite pleasure of mounting the "billy" soon after the holidays. He has begun Sig. life right by turning his attention to the ladies. We shall soon lose our Bro. Porter, who will return to pursue the rural calling of his fathers.

We were glad to have with us a short time ago Brothers Graves and Stateler of Tennessee Zeta. We enjoyed their visit very much, though we were not the main object of their visit, and bade them our best wishes in their pursuit of the beautiful.

Fraternally,

E. T. MOBBERLY.

Ky. Kappa—Central University, Richmond.

Since the last issue of the RECORD we have suffered a severe loss in the death of our beloved brother and E. A., Thomas Walter Mourning. By his fine judgment and zeal, his noble, manly and christian qualities, he made us a splendid member and a model E. A. during the short time he was permitted to dwell among us. The entire college, as well as S. A. E.

feels deeply this great loss. A beautiful funeral ceremony was held in the chapel by the Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, the entire body of students and many others attending to pay the last tribute of respect to his remains. After this a committee consisting of Bros. Williams and Chandler and E. C. Blandford, Sigma Nu, were chosen to bear the body of the deceased brother to the home of his family at Campbellsville, Ky.

The glowing accounts of the last convention as contained in the chapter letters of the January RECORD made us wish all the more that we had been able to send one or more delegates to reap some of the great benefits to be derived from associating with so many loyal Sigs.

There has been no increase in the number of students since the opening of the second term, and consequently the material for making Sigs. has been scarce in the extreme. However should any appear, our "billy" will presently be heard bellowing in his stall. His horns are not sharp, but his aim is true, and he can soon land his victim in safety behind the bolts and bars of Sigdom.

By some mischance on the part of our assistant editor, the names of our three last initiates were omitted from the last chapter letter. I take the pleasure of introducing to the fraternity at large E. F. Mansfield, Springfield, Ky.; P. H. Steenberg, Point Pleasant, W. Va., and W. H. McKinney, Stanford, Ky. This omission was made much to our regret.

Kappa is also anxious to begin work under the recent changes of the constitution.

The fraternities which are represented here are fast losing their independence of each other, and are becoming more and more harmonious.

As soon as the weather permits we expect to lay off a tennis court. In the friendly contest with her three rivals Kappa intends to make a very favorable comparison.

It has been only recently that we have been able even to hear of a place that might be secured as a hall. But by special hustling our committee was able after a few days to report that .

a hall had been found. Then through the assistance of Bros. T. S. Hagan and L. L. Bright we soon had our hall nicely furnished. It is quite conveniently located, being situated right in the center of the business part of town, and only a short distance from the post office. By next year we hope to have it fitted up in royal style—indeed we shall endeavor to make Kappa hall second to none in Richmond.

On the whole this year has been the most prosperous that C. U. has probably ever seen, and present indications promise that the coming year will be yet better.

The contest among the Greeks next fall for new men will no doubt be warm, and I promise you that the standards of S. A. E. will not be lagging in the rear for the want of good and gallant supporters to carry them right to the front and into the thickest of the fray. You may, nevertheless, rest assured that we shall look and think twice in order that we take no steps which are liable to cause us regret.

Last Friday night the "Philaethean Union" held her annual declaimers' preliminary to the final contest which will be held on the last Friday night in April in connection with the sister society, the "Epiphilidian Union."

Out of the ten speakers, five representatives were chosen for the final, and foremost among these five men stood two fine S. A. E.s, Bros. S. L. Williams and H. J. Kirby. They were both highly complimented by all who heard them. By means of one of them we think we stand a good chance for taking the medal.

On account of serious illness in his family, Bro. Williams was not able to return to college after the holidays until only three weeks ago. On the night of his return we had a capital banquet down town, and again felt, as Bro. Capers has expressed it,

"One heart for all,
All hearts for one—
In Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

We then conducted our returned brother to his boarding place. He had scarcely gotten down to his studies when we set him to practicing on his speech.

This is not the first time that Bro. Kirby has been successful in a contest of this kind. Last June he won a beautiful medal at the Hogsetts academy, Danville, Ky.

Our E. C. requests me to state that he has written to nearly all the active chapters and that there have been but few answers received. He hopes that the brothers will favor him by answering at their earliest opportunity as we want to become better acquainted with all and thereby further the interest of the fraternity.

Let each chapter be sure to have her letter in the next RECORD and so make it the best issue of the year.

Sending a hearty "grip" to each of the boys and many wishes for the prosperity of the RECORD,

I remain, yours fraternally,

A. McKIBBEN.

Mo. Alpha—University of Missouri, Columbia.

Missouri Alpha is very sorry that she did not succeed in having a letter in the last RECORD, but will try to do better in the future. In spite of the misfortunes of our University we are still alive and at work. We now number eleven, Bro. Fulbright having left us since our last writing. Although Brother Fulbright was one of our last initiates, his influence was strongly felt in our chapter, and we are very sorry to lose him.

We are rather late in reporting our last initiation, but better late than never. We take great pleasure in presenting our last initiate Brother, R. Moore, and hope to report another in our next letter.

There are seven fraternities here and all are in a flourishing condition. They are as follows: Beta Theta Pi, 23; Sigma Nu, 18; Phi Delta Theta, 20; Phi Delta Phi, 13; S. A. E., 11; K. A., 8; K. K. G., 16. The very best feelings exist between our boys and the other "frats."

Missouri Alpha greets with joy the birth of Indiana Alpha, and Colorado Zeta, and hopes soon to extend a hearty greeting to a sister at Leland Stanford University.

Let all true Sigs take an interest in extension and continue the work that has been so well begun, and S. A. E. will yet be largest as well as the best American college fraternity.

CURTIS HAYDON.

Mich. Alpha—Adrian College, Adrian.

By the result of our recent election of officers, it becomes my duty to write the chapter letter, and to inform the fraternity, through the columns of our excellent journal, of the events that have taken place in our chapter, during the immediate past.

The trying ordeal of mid-term examinations, has just been passed through, and our boys are congratulating themselves on the result, which, as usual, is eminently gratifying.

At our last meeting the efficient services of our "Royal Bumper" were called into requisition, in the initiation of John Munden of Allegheny City, Pa. Bro. Munden is a good student, prominent in college athletics, and justly popular with all the students—the girls especially. He makes the eighth initiate of our chapter, from the immediate vicinity of Pittsburg, and prospects are decidedly encouraging for the establishment of an Alumnus chapter in that city, in the near future. We feel assured that Bro. Cowan's hustling qualities, and ability as an organizer, will soon make this cherished dream of his a reality.

At this writing, we are eleven, with several "fraters in urbe" who frequently attend our meetings and participate in all our exercises, including the after-meeting lunch. Our number will be increased by one in a short time, as Bro. Leigh Layman, who took the B. Ph. degree last June, and who is now pursuing a special course at Yale, expects to rejoin us, and graduate here in the theological course.

Our energetic Bro. Garrard G. Harris, Chattanooga, whom every one in attendance at the last convention will remember with pleasure, has gained for himself a warm place in the hearts

of Adrian's Sigs., through his generosity in bestowing upon this chapter, a rare and valuable collection of war-relics, gathered from thirteen battle fields, many of them having been secured by himself. It is needless to say that we appreciate the gift, and are proud of the collection, which increases greatly the attractiveness of our rooms.

We will have one representative in the annual inter-society oratorical contest, held next June, Bro. Harrer, our only senior. Our confidence in his success is attested, when I state that we are ready to stake our money on him, and offer odds, besides. Bro. Harrer has also been selected leader in a course of athletics recently adopted, and is giving the greatest satisfaction in the position. Three, probably four of our boys will be assigned permanent positions in the ball-team.

To Indiana Alpha, Col. Zeta and Cal. Alpha, Michigan Alpha extends the warmest welcome. May prosperity, enthusiasm, and unbounded success be the lot of our sister chapters.

Fraternally,

E. D. McCafferty.

Mich. Iota Beta—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The University is beginning to wake up for the spring sports. To assist in raising funds to send the nine East, an indoor athletic meeting will be held in a few weeks. It will consist of sparring, wrestling, fencing and a few other matches. From present prospects the nine will be a worthy representative of the university. One great difficulty in getting a good team has always been that our team could play no strong team nines till its extended eastern trip. As usual a game will be played with Cornell, while the trip will include games with U. of P., Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Brown and others.

The total registration of the University, as will appear shortly in the calendar, is 2,691, or about twenty-eight more than Harvard, which thus comes second again.

We were very much pleased to hear of the establishment of S. A. E. at the new Stanford University. Few of us

thought that a chapter would be established so soon when the charter was granted at Atlanta.

Our boys were much pleased to receive a visit recently from Bro. W. A. Clarke of New York Alpha. At present Bro. Charles Starr from Ohio Sigma, is attending our college, and so adding one more to the loyal S. A. E. men in Ann Arbor. Best wishes to all in S. A. E.

G. P. CHENEY.

Penna. Omega—Alleghany College, Meadville.

This term we are enjoying fraternity life and doing good work. The outlook for the year is encouraging, with a roll call responded to by fifteen loyal Sigs.

During the last two weeks a number of our alumni have visited us, among them Fred. McQueston, '87; Jno. Gibson, '91; Frank Collins, '90; Thos. Morrison, '90, and Chas. Freeman, '91.

We still keep up our end of the line and when good men like Henry Freeman, '92, and J. L. Jones, '92, come our way we immediately satisfy the gastronomical satiety of "Billy" with nails and let him feel of 'em. These two brothers are well known to be leaders of their classes.

We are seriously thinking of moving into a more comfortable chapter house this spring, the location of which we will announce in our next letter.

We were very sorry that our last letter was not "in it;" it was too late for publication. FRANK H. BLACKMARR.

Pa. Sigma Phi—Dickinson College, Carlyle.

The winter term opened with our usual quota of loyal "Sigs" except that we missed the pleasant face and voice of Bro. W. P. Brines, '94, of Philadelphia.

Owing to the death of his father, Bro. Brines was unable to return to Dickinson, but is at present pursuing his course at the University of Pennsylvania.

In Bro. Brines, Sigma Phi lost one of her ablest men. He was a "charter" member and at the time of his departure, Chaplain of the Chapter.

He entered college September, '90, the leader of his class, maintaining that position up to the time of his departure last December.

Sigma Phi feels greatly her loss, and her sympathies and best wishes go with Bro. Brines into his new field of work.

In cultivating the mental we have not forgotten the social sides of our natures.

If you will allow a slang expression, we will merely remark that Sigma Phi is "strictly in it."

Lectures, parties, etc., have all contributed to brighten the monotony of the winter term.

Last Friday night we elected the following officers to serve for the remainder of this year and part of the next: E. A., Bro. M. G. Kistler; E. D. A., Bro. G. W. Mitchell; E. R., Bro. W. S. Snyder; E. Correspondent, Bro. M. S. Messler; Ass. E. Correspondent, James T. Van Burkalow; Chaplain, Bro. T. M. Simmons; Warden, Bro. H. W. Westwood. We extend a hearty welcome to Col. Zeta and the Alphas of Ind. and Cal.

With these few words, Sigma Phi greets each chapter and brother of S. A. E.

Faternally,

H. W. WESTWOOD.

Iowa Sigma—Simpson College, Indianola.

On the 3d of February the banquet we spoke of in our last letter came off. At 8 p. m. we assembled at the home of Bro. A. W. Knotts and for an hour and a half enjoyed a good, social time with the gentler sex, and then in the bright moonlight walked up town to the Central house where we enjoyed an elaborate repast. After our feast came a good toast list. Then in the late hours of night we stood around, drank the health of S. A. E., and *yelled* Roo! Rah! Roo! Rah! Roo! Rah! Ree!! Roo! Rah! Roo! Rah! S. A. E.!! like good old

Sigs. always do. Delta Tau Delta, Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi were represented and worthily responded to their toasts.

Not long ago we held our election and chose the following officers: E. A., J. M. Williams; E. D. A., A. W. Knotts; E. R., C. B. Cheney; E. C., E. V. Badley; E. W., E. D. Thompson, and E. H., B. D. Hull. Our prospects for next term are bright though we much regret that we will not have Bros. A. H. Wood and E. D. Thompson with us.

Heartily do we welcome Colo. Zeta, Cal. Alpha and Ind. Alpha into our midst. We hope that they may ever proudly float the purple and gold. We are glad to see S. A. E. advancing, and in the near future hope to see another chapter in Iowa.

Fraternally, E. V. BADLEY.

New York Alpha—Cornell University, Ithaca.

It seems that, in the beginning of this new year, Fate has not altogether complied with the general wish of our sister chapters—that New York Alpha might have unqualified prosperity, for we have been somewhat unfortunate. Through sickness and other unfortunate occurrences, our number was reduced to five, but this has not proven detrimental to the success of Alpha. It is an exceedingly difficult task for a Fraternity to gain a permanent foothold here at Cornell—the Fraternity college of the land—with her numerous Fraternities and palatial Fraternity-houses, but S. A. E. has undoubtedly gained a recognized place in the “Greek World” here.

In rushing we are decidedly conservative, and, as a result, are not a little proud of a record, which contains not a single refusal. Since our last letter in the RECORD we have “knighted” but one—Bro. R. L. Cowdrey—who, besides being the Vice-President of the Freshman Class, is one of the most popular underclassmen in the University.

There are some twenty-nine Fraternities represented here, and consequently the “Barbs” have been pretty well “picked over.” Excepting those who have refused all “bids” from Fra-

ternities, the number of desirable men is very small; however, we flatter ourselves, that we are almost sure to introduce to the S. A. E. world at least two men whom others have tried in vain to initiate into the Greek mysteries.

With our small numbers, we are not very prominent in athletics, but out of the eight candidates for the position of coxswain on the Freshman crew, two are Alpha "Sigs," and, from all indications, our candidates have but one rival whose chances, compared with theirs, are worthy of consideration.

We are entertaining Bro. Danforth our first alumnus, for the second time this winter. Though we always hail Bro. Danforth's appearance with enthusiastic delight, the circumstance which caused the second visit, makes it anything but pleasant. He has come to attend the last solemn rites at the funeral of his brother-in-law. Bro. Danforth graduated here at Cornell in '90, and during the last year was a resident graduate at Yale. He is now finishing his preparation for the ministry at Auburn Seminary, N. Y. We predict a great future for him, and hope that the time may come when all "Sigdom" will be proud to mention him among the names of other great and prominent Sigs.

Fraternally,

A. C. KOENIG.

Colo. Chi—University of Colorado, Boulder.

Colorado Chi sends greetings to her sister chapters. We have received the January RECORD. Bro. Cowan has certainly done himself credit on this issue. Nowhere is a better fraternity journal to be found. But something in the January RECORD that attracted our attention, to quite a large extent, was the offer of Bro. Oscar Peeples of Tennessee Nu. Certainly in the establishing of a cottage devoted to the fraternity at large, this offer should be considered by the Supreme Council. We feel certain that funds could be raised for such a purpose.

On February 20, our local oratorical contest was held. Much excitement has been raised, and in consequence the rink was packed. As we had three brothers in the contest, of course

Colorado Zeta felt an interest in us, and Bros. Kimball and Johnson and Mr. Law came up. S. A. E. was represented in the contest by Bros. Bluhm, Potter and North. But owing to the fact of having contracted a very severe cold Bro. North was not able to participate. Every S. A. E. was greatly excited, and when Bros. Bluhm and Potter were announced as the successful orators, Ru-ra, Ru-ra, Ru-ra-re, Ru-ra, Ru-ra, S. A. E.! rang out with enthusiasm. The two brothers represent the V. of C. in the state contest on March 18th. After the contest, the S. A. E.s, the Delta Gamma Sorosis and a few invited guests betook themselves to the Bowen hotel to partake of the first annual banquet of Colo. Chi. Having been so successful in the contest all were in the best of spirits. Bro. Layton acted as toastmaster. The toasts were keenly enjoyed. May the future banquets be held under as favorable circumstances as this one.

There are four fraternities represented at the U. of C.: Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Tau Delta, and S. A. E. And we say it with considerable pleasure that Colorado Chi's relation with the other "frats" is very amicable, and the rivalry, such as there is, is of a friendly nature and serves only as an incentive to do greater deeds without creating bad feelings. The Delta Gammas have four members in school; the Pi Phis have three; Delta Tau Delta has nine, and S. A. E. has seven. We feel quite well satisfied with our present number and do not think any additions will be made this year.

We have two pledges among the preps. They are fine fellows, and hoping the day will soon come when they will be able to wear the badge of S. A. E. We also have our eyes on more of the preps, and when we think we see a good man we will consider him at once. Colo. Chi's policy is not to act rashly in her selection of men, but to act carefully; for the mistake of taking in a wrong man is a hard one to correct. Still we do not intend to be so slow that the best men will escape us.

The idea of the new officers created by the last convention we think, is a good one. The welfare and the extension of the fraternity and the financial interests will be better taken care of

under two officers than under the one. Though some of the chapters seem to think that these changes should not be made, we fail to see why they should not, and we shall support the new arrangement. It is much regretted that Colo. Chi could not send a delegate to the convention. So much has been said, so much done, such a splendid time in the fact that distant brothers met, that if our delegate had been present all sections would have been represented. At the next convention, however, we hope to send a delegate.

As several of the fraternities are already very seriously thinking of being represented at the World's Fair, S. A. E. should also take some action in regard to the matter. That S. A. E. should be well represented, there is no doubt, but as to the best means the Supreme council should take into consideration. Let a representation be made worthy of our noble order!

Since President Baker has been at the head of the University of Colorado, he has done much good for the institution and still continues his good work. The University is in a splendid condition, and this fact is being realized all over our state. Most of the stone work on the Hale scientific building is completed. This is a handsome structure to be devoted to physics, mathematics and biology. No finer building of its kind is to be found in the west.

Our officers this semester are: Bro. Potter, E. A.; Bro. Bluhm, E. D. A.; Bro. North, E. C.; Bro. Layton, E. R. and E. T.; Bro. Smith, E. Ch.; Bro. Gaylord, E. H., and Bro. Givens, E. W.

Since the contest the brothers, aided by other circumstances, have been brimful of enthusiasm. The athletic season has again come around, and S. A. E. hopes to have a fair representation.

Fraternally, WELLINGTON GIVENS.

Col. Zeta—University of Denver, Denver.

On the arrival of our charter a meeting was held and every member seemed overflowing with good spirits. We are now fully launched in fraternity life.

The Denver University has moved into its new buildings at University Park, a suburb of Denver. Arrangements have been made to secure rooms at our new quarters, and everything is moving.

Colorado Zeta is delighted with the many encouraging letters she has received from her sister chapters, and we are beginning to show a true development of fraternity spirit. The crimson and gold, our University colors, unite well with the purple and gold of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

We are fortunate in having for our neighbor a strong, active chapter like Colorado Chi, and have imbibed some of their spirit and push. Our first initiation will take place next term, and we will make it an interesting affair, as it will be our first attempt.

S. A. E. will be in full force at the State Oratorical contest at Colorado Springs. We are supreme in Colorado, and I hope we will be soon supreme over all the west, which will then be "wild and woolly" no more, but the land of S. A. E., and the home of Greeks.

Fraternally,

University Park, Colo.

W. L. WATERS.

Indiana Alpha—Franklin College, Franklin.

On February 10th, eleven of Franklin College students, J. M. Berryhill, C. D. Hazelton, J. M. Batterton, H. W. Davis, Hugh Miller, J. H. Howard, Edker Burton, J. V. Oliver, F. C. Whitcomb, F. D. Johnston and John Hill were made glad, because Bro. E. D. McCafferty arrived from Adrian, Mich., for the purpose of initiating us into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Long and anxious had we been waiting.

Bro. McCafferty was assisted by Bro. Chas. Dungan, a former student at Adrian, who resides at this place.

After we were initiated, we proceeded to the election of officers. They are as follows: J. M. Berryhill, E. A.; C. D. Hazelton, E. D. A.; F. D. Johnston, E. R.; J. M. Batterton, E. C.; H. W. Davis, E. Chron.; Hugh Miller, E. T.; F. C. Whitcomb, E. Chaplain.

On the morning following our initiation we were met by the fraternity people of the college with cheers and congratulations. Before we were initiated, the Phi Delta Theta boys heard that we were about to enter into fraternity life, came to us and kindly offered us the use of their hall for the occasion, which was gladly accepted. We have the kindest feeling toward the other fraternities, and they, so far as we know, have nothing but good words for us.

The Phi Delta Theta, and a ladies' fraternity, the Pi Beta Phi, with our own are the only fraternities that we have here; but we are all united to build up a strong fraternity spirit. We assure you, one and all, that the S. A. E. boys are all thoroughly alive to the interests of Sigdom, and will let no opportunity pass unheeded. We have added one of Franklin's brightest students to our number, Bro. W. C. Veil, since we were initiated. We now number twelve. Bro. Veil is our E. A. C.

In the oratorical contest, our Bro. Berryhill received second place. He was our only contestant. We hope to have enough men in the contest next year, to fill the four places that represent our college in the state contest. S. A. E. shall be made known over the state in this way.

Our college was founded in the year 1834 by a number of the best men and Baptist pastors of the state. They were very zealous in working up an interest in education and Christian culture; so much so, that some of them were expelled from their churches for their so-called foolish ideas of higher education. But this only brought about a more earnest effort on their part, consequently they soon found a number of followers. After they organized, the interest continued to grow until the year 1867, when, on account of distressed homes on account of the war, and a misunderstanding in financial affairs, its doors were closed, and so continued until the year 1870. It was then revived, and has continued to grow with a steady growth unto this day. It is now one of the foremost colleges in the state. It has become a centre of higher education, and especially Christian culture. No college of the state can boast of such a high moral sentiment as can be found about our own.

Another thing that is helping to build up our college, is the

high standard on literary work done in our literary societies. We have three well equipped literary societies with nicely furnished halls. One of these societies has been organized over forty years.

The financial side of our college has been growing rapidly, especially within the last year. There has been, or will be by the first of May, '92, about \$82,000 added to the college funds within the last year.

There have been over thirty-five thousand geological specimens donated to the institution within the last year, which make our collection the largest in the state.

Other departments have grown equally well. We hope to be able to write you a very interesting letter from Indiana Alpha before long, because of her flattering surroundings.

With greetings and best wishes to all Sigdom, and a deep anxiety for our mutual prosperity, I am

Fraternally yours,

EDKER BURTON.

IN MEMORIAM.

HALL OF CHAPTER KAPPA,

RICHMOND, KY., March 2, 1892.

WHEREAS it has seemed pleasing to our Heavenly Father to take from our midst our beloved brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Thomas Walter Mourning, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we realize the fact that we have lost a beloved brother, who, by his true Christian and manly qualities has impressed his sacred memory upon our minds.

2. That while we feel the loss of his wise counsel and his beautiful precepts, which still linger with us, yet we humbly submit to the righteousness of our allwise Father.

3. That this chapter extend to the bereaved relatives of our departed brother, our heartfelt sympathy, and hope that in looking up to his short but well spent life they will receive consolation.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon our minute book; one copy be forwarded to the bereaved family; and another be sent to the S. A. E. RECORD for publication.

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PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

GREENWOOD, S. C., March 17, 1892.

Dear Cowan:

Enclosed with this note you will find one dollar, amount of subscription of RECORD from January, '92, to January, '93.

To compliment January's issue would not make you feel any better, so many brothers having given you their greetings and praise.

Lookout Mountain cottage an excellent idea. Should it materialize, write me as subscribing \$5.00.

Yours in bond,

GEO. P. NEEL.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 11, '92.*H. H. Cowan, Esq., Pittsburg, Pa. My Dear Sir:*

Through the kindness of some unknown friend, I received yesterday a copy of the S. A. E. RECORD; it was the first copy I had ever seen, and indeed it was the first intimation I have ever had that such a publication was in existence. Perhaps there are many more sons of Sigma who are in like ignorance, and who, like the writer, would be most glad to subscribe for it.

I enclose the subscription fee, one dollar, and beg you to send me the RECORD regularly. I have had but little news of the S. A. E. or the doings of its conventions or chapters since I left college in 1875. I joined at W. and L. University in 1871.

With best wishes for the success of the whole society and of its journal, I remain yours most truly and fraternally.

EDMUND J. LEE, M. D.

ATLANTA, GA., March 17, '92.*Brother Editor:*

I presume the officers and members of our order are now casting about for a name to christen our new secret quarterly bulletin.

I suggest "The Hustler" as the most appropriate name in view of its objects and methods.

H. S. BUNTING.

PERSONALS.

Bro. H. M. Babb, Michigan Alpha '85, is meeting with success as a lawyer at Xenia, Ohio.

Bro. E. B. Rood, Michigan Alpha '84, has a flourishing real estate business at Galveston, Tex.

The marriage of Dr. Robert A. Wilbur and Miss Carrie G. McClave at the elegant home of Leon H. Drake on College avenue yesterday afternoon was one of the most interesting of those always interesting occasions. Mrs. Drake is a sister of the bride, who is one of Elmira's most beautiful and accomplished young ladies. Dr. Wilbur is the well known dentist of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George W. Quick of Springfield, Mass. Dr. Lawrence W. Wilson of Lynchburg, Va., acted as best man. Both of these gentlemen were college chums of the groom and came from their respective homes to assist at the nuptials of their friend. Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur left on the Northern Central train at 3:20 for Washington, D. C., where they expect to stop for a few days, after which they go to Charleston, South Carolina, to visit the parents and other relatives of the groom. They expect to be absent from the city about a month.—*Elmira Advertiser*. Both Doctors Wilbur and Wilson are members of Virginia Tau, '87. The RECORD extends congratulations.

Bro. C. McRae, Cordele, Ga., had the misfortune to lose his fine dry goods store by fire early in February.

Bro. J. A. Blanchard, Tennessee Omega, is living in Washington, D. C., and may be addressed care Metropolitan Hotel.

Bro. Henry Freeman, Georgia Beta, holds a responsible position with J. F. Wheaton, Savannah, Ga.

Bro. Geo. H. Bunting, Tennessee Zeta, is book-keeper for W. L. Sharp & Son, Steubenville, Ohio, a large manufacturing concern. Bro. Bunting was recently a pleasant caller at the RECORD office, where a number of his Northern brothers were happy to meet him.

Bro. Harry R. Lowrie, Michigan Alpha, '85, special correspondent for the American Press, has just returned from a 23,000 mile trip through Europe, Northern Africa and Asia Minor.

Bro. Samuel Spencer, Georgia Beta, is prominently spoken of in connection with the presidency of the R. & D. R. R. system. Bro. Spencer is R. R. financial agent for Drexel & Morgan, and receives the munificent salary of \$25,000 per year. His duties are to report on the financial condition of various railways to that banking concern.

Bro. J. W. Waters, Tennessee Lambda, '88, graduated in a class of one hundred and twenty-eight medical students at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., carrying off "First Honor," and four out of seven medals.

Bro. P. M. Fitzgerald, Tennessee Lambda, has been holding a very successful revival at Lebanon, Tenn. He is one of the most fascinating young preachers in the C. P. Church.

Bro. S. D. Logan, Tennessee Lambda, '89, fills the pulpit of the C. P. Church at Murfreesboro, Tenn., and is an eloquent young preacher.

Bro. Chas. Lanier, Tennessee Lambda, is teaching school at Omer, Tex.

Bro. J. L. Mulhanan, Tennessee Zeta, is "on the road" for the "American White Lead and Color Works" of New Orleans.

Bro. J. E. Mayfield (L.), Lambda, has moved to his old home, Cleveland, Tenn., where he takes charge of his father's extensive law practice.

Bro. S. G. Gerstle, Tennessee Kappa '90, is general manager of his father's extensive patent medicine laboratory at Chattanooga.

Bro. J. S. Lattner, Georgia Delta, has a large coal yard at Chattanooga.

Bro. R. P. Ingrum, Missouri Alpha, senior orator of last year, is traveling in Spain.

Bros. J. L. Russell and B. E. Todd, Missouri Alpha, are in St. Louis, and Bro. J. P. Morton is at Annapolis.

Bro. E. B. Baker, Tennessee Zeta, is at Eastman Business College.

Bro. V. M. Scanlon, Tennessee Zeta, who was forced to leave school on account of his father's illness, is now in business at his home, Newton, Miss.

Bro. W. L. Stewart, Tennessee Zeta, is greatly improved in health and has been ordained to the ministry. He is now pastor of the Brookhaven, Miss., Presbyterian Church.

Bro. C. C. Carsen, Tennessee Zeta, is pursuing his theological studies at Auburn Seminary.

Bro. Chas. A. Grote, Alabama Iota, still fills the chair of Modern Languages in the Southern University, and his wise counsel and advice is much appreciated by the Sigs.

Bro. G. M. Sellers, Alabama Iota, of the Alabama Conference, was sent to Demopolis, Ala. Bro. Sellers will shortly visit his chapter, as he will be the orator of the Belles-Lettres society when it celebrates its anniversary in May.

Bro. L. C. Branscomb, Alabama Iota, was, by the last conference, given charge of the important work at Decatur, Ala.

Bro. L. M. Lipscomb, Alabama Iota, is doing a noble work at Australia, Miss., having joined the Mississippi Conference at its last session.

Bro. T. M. Patterson, Alabama Iota, poet of last year's senior class and challenge debater of Belles-Lettres society, is now traveling agent in Alabama for the Equitable Insurance Co., and may be addressed at Louisville, Ala.

Bro. Whit. F. Nix, Alabama Iota, entered Vanderbilt in September to take a post-graduate course, but was forced to leave early in the winter on account of ill health. Bro. Nix now teaches a flourishing school at Clayton, Ala.

Bro. J. W. Bandurant, Alabama Iota, who for some years past has edited the *Beacon* at Greensboro, Ala., has removed to St. Louis. Bro. Bandurant was a kind and attentive Sig., and he carries with him our heartiest wishes for prosperity in all he undertakes.

Bro. E. S. Jack, Alabama Iota, has been admitted to the Greensboro bar, and has a flourishing practice in this section. Bro. Jack is an energetic Sig., and besides his law business he is also associate editor and proprietor of the *Beacon*.

Bro. C. A. Rush, Alabama Iota, in connection with his plantation business, fills the appointments on the Greensboro Circuit. We are always glad to have Bro. Rush's cordial grip.

EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

The office in which the *Φ Δ Θ Scroll* is published was recently burned out. The February number which was almost finished was entirely destroyed. Fortunately the copy had not yet reached the furnace and by ordering new cuts the *Scroll* was able to appear only three weeks late, apparently none the worse for its trial by fire. Editor Brown always was a little careless with fire. He keeps a good sized blaze going directly under his scroll and we wonder it hasn't caused trouble before. The issue is a Leland Stanford number, the leading article relating to that university. It is illustrated by three fine plates of the various buildings.

Editorially the *Scroll* tells how to build a chapter house and as this is no less important to *Σ Α Ε* than to *Φ Δ Θ* we shall quote freely:

"How shall money be raised among the actives? To start, a certain part of every initiation fee should go to the Chapter House Fund. This amount may be fixed at any figure between \$25 and \$10, and the whole initiation fee made such as to conform to this plan. We doubt that any chapter will find it necessary to put the figure below the minimum of \$10, but rather than have the plan go by default it could be placed at \$5. By a similar by-law every active member should be required to pay a certain smaller term or year tax as may be decided upon, or if a house is to be secured at once, to execute a note for a certain amount, payable in five equal annual installments. If the house is not secured at once such a note should be required before graduation, the minimum requirement being for a \$50 note. This would mean the payment of \$10 annually for a term of five years, which is certainly a burden that is no injustice to any member, and one that could easily be borne. Many of the members would be able to execute a note for a larger amount. For a chapter of fifteen members this would guarantee an income of \$200 to \$250 a year from the actives alone.

"How shall the alumni be asked to aid is the next question. As before stated, before soliciting subscriptions from them it must have been decided just what the active chapter will do, the nature of the investment to be made, and finally the plan on which it is to be managed. These being satisfactorily arranged, the canvas should be made for subscriptions in the form of notes payable as above, in five equal annual installments. It will be a question whether to make a minimum limit to the amount of a subscription. Fifty dollars means a \$10 annual payment and there ought to be no necessity for

going below that. Many ought to be able to give much more, and will when they understand the importance of the project to the chapter's success. The work of soliciting alumni subscriptions should be in the hands of a committee, all or a majority of which are themselves alumni of the chapter. There is more of the appearance of permanency about the appeal and plans coming from such a source, and the alumni will more readily enter into correspondence concerning the plan. The money realized from this source will vary with the age of the chapter and the numerical strength of its alumni body. The older chapters will sooner realize a sufficient amount to cover cost of property, while a longer period must mark the efforts of the younger.

"Next, it is our opinion that the government of the chapter house should be vested in those who furnished the money to build it. There should be a stock company with an amount of capital equal to the value of the proposed property. Shares should be placed at \$35 or \$50; every subscription to that amount being entitled to one vote. Subscribers for smaller amounts could not hold stock. Stockholders could elect a board of trustees to which could be delegated proper authority for the guidance of various interests."

There is not a chapter in $\Sigma A E$ but that should in some way be collecting a building fund. If any of the chapters have matured plans we shall be glad to hear of them through the RECORD. If nothing better occurs to you take up a collection, but *start the fund in some way.*

The *Scroll's* "Items of Interest" and "Exchanges" are unusually interesting this time. Our Findlay chapter is again discussed. To satisfy all curiosity we will state that $\Sigma A E$ did have an application from Findlay and that it was killed by the negative vote of several of the neighboring chapters. In some way the impression got abroad that it had been granted, hence Findlay's name on our list in the annuals.

Number two of the *Trident*, $J J J$, is before us, announcing a new chapter at St. Lawrence university. It contains two articles of a literary character, and the remainder of the thirty pages are devoted to correspondence, chapter letters, college news, etc. The magazine is a great credit to Tri-Delta. A clipping is credited to the RECORD which we borrowed from the *Shield* of $\theta J X$. The *Anchora* and *Delta* of ΣN made the same mistake. Bro. Holmes says some unusual good things and we are glad to see that the RECORD is not the only one that appreciates them.

The *Anchora*, $\Delta \Gamma$, has reached our table for the first time. It has a bright lot of contributors. The article on "College Rooms" sent us off into a dreamy reverie of the past, where we conjured up each nook and corner of the old smoky room that became so dear to us.

The $\Delta \Gamma$ *Quarterly* is a convention number, that body having met with the Harvard chapter and experienced a most successful session. A chapter at the Mass. Ins. of Tech. was initiated by the convention. The convention oration, "Fraternity, Medieval and Modern," is an able paper. The *Quarterly* has no illustrations or items of general interest.

The February ΣX *Quarterly* has three illustrated biographies, followed by the accounts of the founding of her three new chapters, which we mention elsewhere. The leading editorial urges chapters to adopt some form of literary work for chapter meetings.

"Every chapter has some mission to perform in its meetings. The opportunity for mutual aid in an intellectual as well as social way should not be neglected. One of the most valuable features of the meetings of the first chapter of which the writer was a member, were the declamations and orations delivered by members who were listed for public performance and contests. Many helpful suggestions were given, and confidence was inspired in the mind of the performer, as he realized that his trusted college coterie approved of his ambition and were sure of his success. The interest felt by fraternity men in each other's success, evidences as deep and generous devotion as that which prompts the family to dwell with dotting pride upon the worthy deeds of its members. The chapter meeting can always be made a place for a brother's mind to help a brother's mind, as well as a place for good fellowship to reign supreme."

The *Caduceus* of $K \Sigma$ has removed its office of publication from Tennessee to Philadelphia, Pa. The March number is a big improvement typographically and otherwise over any we have previously seen. It has a half tone picture of its Washington-Lee chapter, also the university buildings accompanied by a history of the chapter and institution. The extension movement seems to be at white heat in $K \Sigma$, judging from the list of new chapters.

GREEK GOSSIP.

The attempt to establish a chapter of ΣX at Allegheny has failed.

The University of Virginia has the largest attendance of any year since the war.

South Carolina college has ninety-five students and ten fraternities.

Rumor says the local fraternity at Wabash will join $\Delta T \Delta$.

In the Ohio oratorical contest the O. W. U. orator is a $\Delta T \Delta$; the O. S. U. a $B \theta II$; the Denison a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; the Buchtel a $\Phi \Delta \theta$; the Mt. Union a $\Sigma A E$.

It is said that either $\Delta \Upsilon$ or $A \Delta \Phi$ will soon enter Ohio Wesleyan.

θE , a scientific fraternity has entered Cornell.

ΣX and $K \Sigma$ have entered the University of Illinois.

$\Phi \Delta \theta$ rejoices over the revival of her chapter at the University of Minnesota. The former chapter was lifted some years ago by $J K E$.

The University of Missouri was burned to the ground on January 9th.

$K \Sigma$ has established chapters at Columbian university, Southwestern Baptist university, the law school of the University of Michigan and Pa. State college.

$K \Sigma$'s so-called Johns Hopkins chapter recently initiated a student from one of the business schools of Baltimore. Rather a questionable proceeding. ●

The new Chicago university will be opened in September.

Southern $K A$ has established an alumni chapter in New York city.

"It is unfortunate that the fraternity should seek in the convention to put itself on record as against northern or western extension just at a time when such stimulating influences are at work, and Kappa Alphaism is making itself felt wherever it happens to be. Our tenets are too large to be confined to any

special section; the ends we strive for, the main grand objects that the fraternity keeps always in view, and the very reason of our organization, should be propagated at every respectable educational institution of sufficient prestige in the land. A fraternity wants no geography in its composition, and *K A* extension should be pushed with vigor, earnestness and dispatch north, east, south and west, regardless of the sentimental whim of those who venerate an imaginary tradition."—*Univ. of Va., Cor. K A Journal*.

Θ N E has gotten into trouble in New York university for blasphemous travesty on the ten commandments placarded around the university building. The *Mail and Express* has a severe article on the indecent organization, and expresses the hope that it may be blotted out. It is a foul stain on the escutcheon of Greek letter societies, and the best societies will say "Amen" to the efforts of the press, both daily and college, to suppress the nuisance.—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

Ga. *Σ N s* held a convention in Atlanta in November. Where are *Σ A E*'s state associations?

An athletic league has been organized by the State Universities of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa.

Π K A has established at S. C. college.

At almost all of the colleges of the present time there exist certain local societies claiming to be fraternities. These societies have no chapters, no fellowships beyond the bounds of the local college. They frequently compete with the chartered fraternities, and try to impress the young collegian with the idea that there is no special gain or advantage belonging to these genuine fraternities. If, indeed, fraternity life is to end when one receives his diploma, their reasoning is valid. But if that life is to continue beyond the college walls it is signally invalid. One great benefit of the genuine fraternity is that its influence is not confined to the undergraduate, nor are its friendships circumscribed by the halls of any one institution.—*J K E Quarterly*.

Φ Γ Δ has a new chapter at Wooster Polytechnic institute.

Σ X has reorganized at Kansas.

Σ N has revived her University of Virginia chapter.

According to the Wooster (O.) *Voice* Φ Δ Θ has a chapter at Princeton.

The University of Virginia is to have a new gymnasium at a cost of \$25,000.

Albion college has defeated the University of Michigan at foot ball.

Cornell expects to put a strong la crosse team in the field this year.

The freshman banquet at Cornell (February 26) was as usual a success in spite of all opposition from the sophomores. The young ladies of the freshman class also held a very pleasant banquet on March 4. They did all in their power to keep all knowledge of the affair secret from "those horrid sophomores," but the latter in some way found it out and gave them an agreeable surprise by sending a large bouquet in college colors and a border of class colors.

The Cornell Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering has a new testing engine of 200 horse power.

Σ Φ of Cornell will give a reception on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, June 16th, in their new house on the Campus.

The Cornell Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs will make an extended tour during the Easter vacation. They will give concerts at Rochester, Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chicago and other points.

"During the progress of the recent revivals in the Ohio Wesleyan university the various fraternities held prayer-meetings in their halls and a pan-Hellenic prayer-meeting was also held in which all of the nine fraternities here took part. Out of over a hundred fraternity men here only about ten remain who have not started in the christian life. Probably this is the first time in the history of fraternities that all the fraternities of any institution have come together for the purpose of holding a prayer-meeting. Surely this is an excellent field for fraternity work, and we have found the only sure and easy solution of pan-Hellenism.—*From a Sig. letter.*

OFFICIAL.

OFFICE OF JOHN G. CAPERS, EMINENT SUPREME TREASURER,
COLUMBIA, S. C.

MY DEAR BROTHERS:

On the 13th day of February I submitted to the chapters according to law, "the proceedings of the convention which changed or construed the constitution," and as is further required by law, waited "thirty days thereafter" for the ratification or rejection of such matter. I closed the vote from chapters at noon on the 12th of March, and the change proposed as to the management of the RECORD had received the ratification of all the chapters voting, and of the twenty five votes in all, the change in the plan of government involving the creating from the old, two new offices, and officers therefor, there were seven negative and eighteen affirmative votes. The changes proposed by the convention as to the new plan of government, the creating of a new officer (with the old title) E. S. A., and the other new additional officers, the E. S. T., are hereby announced confirmed and ratified, and of effect from and after the 12th of March, 1892. I desire to say in this connection that I have observed the uneasiness and impatience with which some of our chapters have looked for the appearance of the official minutes of the convention, but under the law as it then stood the secretary of the convention has "sixty days" in which to compile and submit the minutes of the convention to the E. S. A., and then the E. S. A. is required to wait "thirty days" before closing the vote on their ratification or rejection, making in all ninety days, if the full time was made use of. In this instance, however, the secretary submitted the minutes in thirty-nine days (8th Feb'y); and they were submitted by the E. S. A. four days later (12th Feb'y); the vote closed and the result declared "thirty days" thereafter according to law. Recent partial amendments will change this matter in the future, and greatly facilitate the early appearance of the minutes by requiring the party in the first instance, the secretary, to submit the compiled minutes "in ten days" after the adjournment of the convention. The old law was in effect, however, prior to the 12th of February, and under it I could not print in full in pamphlet form *official* minutes until the votes of the chapters according to law had made them *official*. I have endeavored to facilitate matters in every way and the minutes, other than those involving constitutional changes, have been at press some time, and will appear very shortly.

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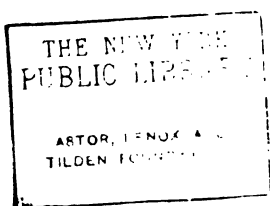
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 " Beta " Albany, Ga.
 " Sigma " Savannah, Ga.
 " Omega " Augusta, Ga.
 Ala. Mu..... University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 " Iota..... Southern University Greensboro, Ala.
 " Alpha Mu..... Ala. A. & M. College Auburn, Ala.
 " Mu Alumnus Montgomery, Ala.

PROVINCE B.

S. C. Delta (G. C.) South Carolina College Columbia, S. C.
 " Gamma..... Wofford College Spartanburg, S. C.
 " Phi..... Furman University Greenville, S. C.
 " Eta Alumnus Honca Path S. C.
 N. C. Theta..... Davidson College Davidson, N. C.
 " Xi..... University of N. C. Chapel Hill, N. C.
 " Theta Alumnus..... Charlotte, N. C.
 Va. Omicron..... University of Virginia..... University of Va.
 " Pi sub rosa..... Emory and Henry Col. Emory Va.
 " Sigma..... Wash. & Lee University. Lexington, Va.

PROVINCE C.

Tenn. Omega (G. C.)..... University of the South..... Sewanee, Tenn.
 " Zeta..... S. W. Presbyterian University..... Clarksville, Tenn.
 " Lambda..... Cumberland University Lebanon, Tenn.
 " Eta..... S. W. Baptist University Jackson, Tenn.
 " Nu..... Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tenn.
 " Kappa..... University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn.
 " Alpha Alumnus..... Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Miss. Gamma..... University of Mississippi..... Oxford, Miss.
 " Theta sub rosa..... Agricultural College..... Starkville, Miss.
 " Theta Alumnus..... Meridian, Miss.
 " Gamma Alumnus..... University of Texas Austin, Tex.

PROVINCE D.

Ohio Sigma (G. C.)..... Mt. Union College Alliance, Ohio.
 " Delta..... Ohio Wesleyan University..... Delaware, Ohio.
 " Epsilon..... University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, Ohio.
 " Alpha Alumnus Alliance, Ohio.
 Ky. Iota..... Bethel college Russellville, Ky.
 " Kappa..... Central University..... Richmond, Ky.
 " Alpha Beta Alumnus Nicholasville, Ky.
 Mo. Alpha..... University of Missouri..... Columbia, Mo.
 " Beta..... Washington University..... St. Louis, Mo.
 Mich. Delta..... Adrian College Adrian Michigan.
 " Iota Beta..... University of Michigan..... Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Pa. Omega..... Allegheny College Meadville, Pa.
 " Sigma Phi..... Dickinson College Carlisle, Pa.
 Iowa Sigma..... Simpson College Indianola, Iowa.
 New York Alpha..... Cornell University..... Ithaca, N. Y.
 Colo. Chi..... University of Colorado..... Boulder, Colo.
 " Zeta..... University of Denver..... University Park, Colo.
 Ind. Alpha..... Franklin College..... Franklin, Ind.
 Cal. Alpha..... Leland Stanford Jr. Univ. Menlo Park, Cal.
 Mass. Beta Upsilon..... Boston University Boston, Mass.

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It comes to me in the lonely hour,
When the spirit's sore oppressed;
It comes to me with a subtle power
And it brings my spirit rest.

'Tis a face I see in the lonely hour,
'Tis a memory—precious, pure
As the bud which gives the opening flower,
'Tis a tender love, and sure.

'Tis a brother gone; the face no longer
Is changed with the changing life;
And tonight it glows with a love light stronger
Than e'er in the years of strife.

That face tonight bears no trace of sorrow,
But it beams with love and joy;
And it gives me strength to strive tomorrow,
For the bliss without alloy.

And memory enters at the portal
Of a heavy, aching heart;
It brings a joy to the weary mortal
When the teardrops fain would start.

For a kindly life is fruitless never
But is rich in deeds of love,
And thus to me 'tis a blessing ever—
The memory of one above.

And the love—that love is never colder,
 'Tis a love that still endures.
 Its presence felt makes me stronger, bolder,
 And my faint heart reassures.

For the brother, gone, doth ever hear me,
 'Tis the soul^o communes with soul;
 In the lonely hour that face is near me,
 To that spirit I yield control.

And the lonely hour loses sadness,
 For I feel a presence here:
 That spirit turns my gloom to gladness,
 Into hope is changed my fear.

Tho' the form is gone, the spirit's present,
 Tho' the voice I loved be stilled,
 Yet here tonight is an influence pleasant,
 And my happy heart is filled.

Boston University.

H. C. BURGER.

GERMAN UNIVERSITY LIFE.

Written for the RECORD.

LEIPZIG, May 1.—The Leipzig university is one of the most ancient and the most thoroughly German of all German universities. It was doing a fine business some years before Columbus was able to convince Queen Isabella that his boat would not run off the edge if he should sail westward. In fact it was as old as most of our American schools when Plymouth Rock was made a part of history. Goethe was a student here for a year and Schiller received part of his education from the professors in Leipzig. Less than sixteen years from now, a grand celebration will mark the five hundredth anniversary of this famous old institution.

Among the 3,500 students are found representatives of almost every country on the face of the globe. Greeks, Turks, Armenians, Australians, Russians, Chinese, Japanese, Spaniards,

Americans, Englishmen, and an occasional Frenchman are found with the sturdy German in the lecture rooms. All are given a cordial welcome, although the few Frenchmen who venture here are not received with wide open arms. The characteristics of the two people make a man from "la belle France" ambitious to get a rapier point into the heart of his neighbor, while the German, knowing well the eagerness for revenge possessed by his old time enemy, would like to get at him with an ax.

The lecture rooms, where the cosmopolitan crowd of students gathers, are monotonously plain. Benches as soft as hard wood usually is, run across the room leaving an aisle at one side. In front of each is a long board, arranged at an angle convenient for writing. A small platform with a railing around it, much resembling a pulpit in an American country church, at one end, completes the furniture of the room. Many students, more dexterous with knife than brain, have covered the desks with cuts, and in some places, the name of some girl, carved in uncertain letters, shows that some fellow's thoughts have slightly wandered.

Students are expected to be in their places at a quarter past each hour for the lecture at that particular time. Anyone coming in late is greeted by a general shuffling of feet and a few hisses. But the German student believes in using his feet. If the professor reads too fast to suit his hearers or reads indistinctly, the fellows drag their big German shoes over the floor until the lecturer is glad to make peace by repeating. As the professor enters and as he leaves the room, a few vigorous stamps are considered marks of honor. If he reads a few minutes over time, his voice is drowned in the "foot language" and he beats a hasty retreat. Should the professor get off a good joke during his remarks, his reward is a cloud of dust from his listeners. This custom exists, of course, only in classes with one hundred and fifty or two hundred members. It happens not at all infrequently that a professor in some special line or one who has not made a large reputation will lecture the whole semester to two

and even to one lone student. These small classes are models of orderliness and propriety.

To be a professor in a German university means an immense amount of the hardest kind of hard work. It means a most thorough school training, a perfect knowledge of his particular line, a vast quantity of midnight oil and, in many cases, real deprivation. After a man has completed his course in the common schools, the gymnasium (academy), and received his doctor's degree from a university, he may become a "privat-docent," an authorized teacher, not entitled to the title of professor. In this capacity he is allowed to do an astonishing amount of work, but receives no pay aside from a few small fees. He usually manages to live in some way, always longing for a call to a professorship. He cannot apply for the place. Such a procedure would not be dignified and would kill his chances deadlier than a door nail. He must work for notoriety. That is a key to the whole situation. When he becomes a professor it means \$2,000 a year. Most of the men make large sums of money from the publication of their new books. So it can be easily imagined that the road to the title "Doctor Professor" is not strewn with roses. Once obtained it becomes a synonym with "book worm."

The student is expected to attend the lectures in his course. There is nothing compelling him to do so aside from his ambition and a fear of the final examination. As each man registers he receives a small book on which are written the lectures he will hear and the particular subject of each. At the close of the semester, each one of the professors whose lecture he has heard, signs his name in the book, indicating that the student has taken the course, or at least is supposed to have done so. The tuition fee is five dollars, and then each lecture course costs a certain price in addition. Expenses are very small.

Only one examination is held during the three years' course. That is reserved for the benediction. It consists of an oral section, when the candidate, clad in a dress suit, must appear before

his professors and answer whatever questions may be asked. The other part of the examination consists of a thesis, which must contain about a hundred pages of printed matter. In other words, the candidate must write a small book on his particular subject. If he is in the scientific department, a new experiment takes the place of the thesis. A man is rated in classes according to his proficiency, and a number one doctor degree is worthy a large amount of pardonable pride. Let it be known that men hailing from the land where every barn bears the inscription "Eat Gunther's Candy," "Take Hood's Sarsaparilla for the Blood," and "Use Fairbank's Soap" are, with few exceptions, among the "number ones."

The university does not have a president, but a "rector" who is selected at the beginning of each semester. This event is celebrated by a grand "fakelzeug" or torch light procession. Each member of a color society must participate. At the head of each society the president and officers ride in a carriage hauled by four horses and accompanied by a mounted escort. Then come the regular members carrying torches. Many bands of music are scattered through the line. It much resembles a presidential campaign effort at home, usually not quite so interesting or elaborate.

The students are exempt from police authority. They can and often do make almost enough noise to cause a shiver through dry bones, can hitch the horse of some lone driver with its head inward toward the cart, can pluck signs from their usual place and make "wursts" for sale in hardware stores and the police are powerless to arrest the fun makers. But the pranks are usually indulged in during the absence of a copper, for this official can demand the student card from the offender. He takes the name and number, reports the case to the university judges. Soon the culprit receives a polite, though unwelcome, notice to appear before the court and must make the best defence possible. Should the prisoner be found guilty of a misdemeanor worthy of imprisonment, he is given quarters in the university jail. This

is not a very pretty place, not at all inviting. It is located in the fourth story of a building, directly under the eaves. Four small grated windows add to the dreariness of the place and give it a jail-like aspect. Very frequently the melancholy face of some victim can be seen pressed against the bars as the owner gazes on the stream of students passing below and counts the hours until he will be one of them once more. The fellows below take particular pains to tip their hats to him and grin a sympathizing grin. He passes the time in carving the few pieces of furniture allowed him, writing verses on the wall for some unhappy successor and soliloquizing over the uncertain ways of fate.

The student's "kneipe" or drinking feast is an institution peculiar to a German university. It is unlike any other phase of student life. A great prejudice against drinking would prevent any such thing in the smaller colleges in America, while the wider freedom in the larger universities might wink at it. It is a necessary part of the German's pleasure.

The kneipen are held every Saturday evening during semester. Some room, small, dingy, cheerless, in a hotel or restaurant is chosen for the meeting. Nearly every available place is filled with students on this evening. In case the kneipe is by members of some color society, all must wear their caps. The president, chosen usually because of his well known deuling capacity, has his face well covered with scars which run in every direction. He presides at the table with sword in hand. With the flat side he pounds the table, around which his colleagues are sitting, and demands "silentium." Then he rises, announces some number in the song book much as a preacher would do, a youth lustily pounds the piano and all voices, mostly in their natural vigorousness, join in "Der Tannenbaum" or "Heute ist Heut." The Germans have thousands of rollicking college songs, humorous, patriotic, sentimental and all these combined. When a song is humorous it is side splitting; when the fatherland is about the center of the heavens; when it's "gushy." There is no half way of doing things in

the German lexicon. Before each man stands a glass of beer. Not a little, delicate, microscopic glass, but a big, deep, wide glass holding enough of the beverage to make an uninitiated man imagine he has a harness on the moon. It is enough to make most men have a whole zoological garden in their boots. It does not phase the German student. The program at the *kneipe* consists entirely of drinking "prosits" or healths, a gossip over affairs in general, and sometimes private theatrical performances. It is altogether an interesting and pleasant occasion.

A most unique and the most characteristic feature of German student life is the duel. The "Schlagenden corporationen" are the Greek letter societies of the universities in the fatherland. As a rule they are composed of the best and brightest students. A man in America not a member of a fraternity is commonly known as a "barbarian." In the German lexicon, a man not a member of a fighting corps is a "finke." The so-called non-secret fraternities of America are the very ones which have the most secrets. So, the two corps here which are known as the non-fighting corps are those which most dearly love to fight. In the university of Leipzig, with its 3,500 students, there are thirty regular fighting corps. Each one is distinguished by a peculiar colored cap. This is their sport, as foot ball, base ball, and lawn tennis are across the water. In earlier days the *mensurs* took place under the sheltering branches of a fine old oak tree standing in the middle of a patch of woods which forms now one of the city's handsomest parks. Later on, the laws in Saxony became more stringent against the practice until it is a matter of rare occurrence that a duel is fought in the city. A few months ago, about the time the emperor announced his approval of the practice, an attempt was made to revive the custom of having them here. It did not work well, as the police swooped down on the offenders, captured all the paraphernalia, and the university court sentenced several of the fellows to three months' imprisonment. Now the fights all take place at Halle, a beautiful town in Brandenburg.

The members of the two corps which are to cross swords catch the early morning trains and go in sections so as not to excite suspicion.

The mensurs take place in the upper room of a large restaurant. The place is quite romantically situated among the rocks along the river Saale. It is under the shadow of the famous ruined castle "Giebichenstein," which rises to some considerable height, straight from the river. Lewis, "The Springer" Landgrave of Thuringia was imprisoned here in 1102 and according to a tradition, important if true, escaped by a daring leap into the river. So these very bloody affairs of honor, or "sport" are fought with historical surroundings.

The mensurs begin early in the morning and last until dark in the evening. During that time a dozen or more are hotly contested. This means that twenty-four or more handsome young fellows from the best families have knocked and slashed at each other's faces with razor-sharp swords, backed by muscles of iron, developed by constant practice in the gymnasium: as many bright faces have been covered with wounds which will leave ugly scars.

A large piece of canvas is laid on the floor. Chalk marks indicate the place where the two opponents must stand. The fighter's right arm is covered with a large leather glove and wrapped in cloth. Around the neck is a thick leather collar. The eyes are protected by an immense pair of goggles around which cotton soaked in oil is stuffed so that the blood will not impair the sight. A round piece of lead is strapped tightly over the heart, and a huge leather bag, much like a base ball catcher uses, protects the front part of the body. The top part of the head, forehead, both cheeks, nose and ears are left as targets of the other man's skill. The president of the corps seconds his man and is protected much the same as the principals. A man stands by with a huge glove on his right hand. It is his duty to straighten the swords, which are frequently bent in the encounter. A physician, scorer and referee complete the officials who boss the affair. All is ready. The sec-

onds quickly give the commands, "Bindung," "Gebund sind," and "Los." A clash of swords and a shower of sparks follow. A few vigorous cuts and counter cuts are followed by the command "Halt." Immediately they crowd around the fighters and search for new wounds. These are easily found at first, but later on when the face is covered with blood it is not so easy a matter. Very often the opinion of the attending physician is necessary to settle a dispute as to whether a particular wound is old or new. Each fight must last fifteen minutes, if the fellows can stand it that long. Two good fencers may pass the whole time without receiving more than a few scratches. A pair of "fuchs," or freshmen, will make each other's faces look as though they had been fencing with a threshing machine in about two minutes. Blood will cover their head, soak their clothes, and form in puddles on the floor. Its patter on the carvas is enough to make a man of ordinary nerves shudder. The men go to an ante room, where the wounds are dressed and their heads bandaged. The scars which result are considered marks of greatest honor. In many ways the practice seems a cruel one. However, it must be remembered that the student does it most willingly. He trains diligently in the gymnasium, delights in fencing, and will probably continue the practice as long as there are German universities. It requires a keen eye, good physical development, powerful muscles, and a vast deal of courage. It is easy to tell when the fellows have been fencing as they will appear in the lecture room the next day with heads almost completely covered with bandages and patches of court plaster. When a man's face is covered with more than the usual number of scars, he is said to have a railroad track. The comparison is not half bad, as the main track, side track, and switches are all there. A double track railroad is quite common.

It would seem from a description of some of the peculiar parts of a German student's life that he is more a follower of Bacchus than of Minerva. Such is not the case. The German

student is a hard worker and a thorough scholar. He is also a gentleman from head to foot, kind, obliging, appreciating a favor and always anxious to render one in return. They are as a rule manly fellows, full of energy. A thorough school training has given them big brains and self-reliance. Always friendly, the student invariably doffs his hat to friends, and especially to the members of his society. The German universities are the best in the world and the German students are in the first rank.

Michigan Alpha.

WILL L. LOWRIE.

WE BOYS OF S. A. E.

Tune - "Dashing Through the Snow."

1. We're a jolly band of sigs,
Our badge we always wear,
And at the topmost heights
You'll find our colors there.
We'll never let them fall
From their accustomed place,
But with Phi Alpha's aid
We'll always win the race.

CHORUS.

S. A. E., S. A. E., S. A. E. for me,
S. A. E., S. A. E., a sig I'll always be.
S. A. E., S. A. E., S. A. E. for me;
Oh near to us, Oh dear to us, is our fraternity.

2. When college days are o'er
We'll ne'er forget the goat
That gave us our first ride,
And made our senses float.
We'll always have a grip
For every sig of old;
We never will forget
The purple and the gold.

Lander, Wyoming.

HARRY MCGINNIS.

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LELAND STANFORD JR UNIVERSITY.

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| 2. POWER HOUSE CHIMNEY. | 4. MUSEUM BUILDING. |

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY.

The last issue of the RECORD heralded the birth of California Alpha. Her charter was granted by the thirty-fifth annual convention, last December in the city of Atlanta assembled; and on the fifth day of March, 1892, having crossed the mighty Rockies, Sigma Alpha Epsilon planted her colors upon the very shores of the peaceful Pacific.

As the facile pen of Brother Edwin D. Smith has already detailed the ceremonies of institution and the memorable inauguration banquet, my purpose now is merely to furnish to the readers of the RECORD a few facts, in a very general way, descriptive of the institution in which our fraternity has placed its youngest Alpha chapter.

Leland Stanford Junior University is the farthest west of all American universities. Located about thirty miles south of the city of San Francisco, in the northern part of Santa Clara county, perhaps the prettiest portion of the state of California, on a tract of land comprising eight thousand acres, partly foothills and partly lowlands, the university may be said to be almost within earshot of the music made by the waves washing upon the shelled shores of Pescadero Beach. Adjoining the grounds on the northwest is the far-famed Palo Alto farm, the birth place of more than one horse that has lowered the trotting record of the world; while to the northeast lie the spacious grounds and beautiful residence of Leland Stanford, the founder of the university, the millionaire railroad king, the war governor of California, and the richest senator who has ever occupied a seat in the American Congress.

The grant of endowment of the university was made by Senator Stanford and wife, November 14, 1885, endowing and naming the institution in memory of their only child, Leland Stanford, jr., deceased. The founders conveyed to twenty-four trustees eighty-five thousand acres of land in fee simple, the

rents and profits of which are to be used and expended in the maintenance of the university.

Most notable among the provisions of the grant are these:

1. The prohibition of sectarian instruction. 2. Equal privileges to both sexes. 3. That there shall be taught the immortality of the soul, the existence of a Creator, and that obedience to His law is the highest duty of man.

The university was formally opened on the first day of October, 1891. The program for the occasion was the following:

Music: "Glory be to God on High," *Mozart*,
Chorus led by Mr. J. H. Elwood.

Prayer, REV. ROBERT MACKENZIE.

Reading of Scriptures—Proverbs iv, REV. MR. STOWE.

Music: "We give Thee but Thine Own."

Address by the Founder of the University, LELAND STANFORD.

Address by a Member of the Board of Trustees,
. JAMES McMILLAN SHAFER.

Music: "How Lovely are the Messengers," *Mendelssohn*.

Address by the President of the University of California, MARTIN KELLOGG.

Address by the President of the University, DAVID STARR JORDAN.

Dedication Hymn, Words by CAPT. GUSTAVUS A. HULL, U. S. A.

Benediction, REV. J. H. C. BONTE.

The university buildings are Romanesque in type of architecture, patterning after the old Spanish missions of early California. For the present they are amply sufficient, but are only the beginning of what will be erected as the growth and needs of the university demand. The structures already built are the main building, the machine shop, the engine and power house, the gymnasiums, Eucena hall, Roble hall, the museum and the professors' residences. The main building in which are located the class-rooms, library, offices, etc., is a one story stone edifice in the form of a quadrangle, enclosing an asphalt-paved court ornamented with patches of grasses, shrubs, flowers, and palms. A colonnade runs around the entire inside of this building, which is supported by large stone pillars, models of strength and taste. The entrance to the quadrangle may be effected

through any one of four beautiful arches so conceived and constructed as to prepare one in a measure for the lovely sight which must meet his gaze upon entering. Eucena hall and Roble hall are two dormitories for the accommodation of the students, the former for the boys, the latter for the charming girl "co-eds." The museum is even now one of great beauty, and when completed and opened will doubtless have very few rivals in the world.

The grounds and buildings are lighted by electricity generated from a plant located in the engine and power house, and a fine system of water-works has been put in operation for the exclusive use of the university. The nearest station is Palo Alto, about one mile away upon the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, from which it is said there will be constructed in the near future an electric railway running up into the university grounds.

The faculty of the university is one of unsurpassed excellence. Among the professors may be mentioned the following: David Starr Jordan, LL. D., President of the University, Andrew Dickson White, LL. D., George Elliott Howard, A. M., John Caspar Branner, Ph. D., Oliver Peebles Jenkins, Ph. D., John Henry Comstock, B. S., Melville Best Anderson, A. M., John Maxson Stillman, Ph. D., Fernando Sanford, M. S., Henry Alfred Todd, Ph. D., Charles David Marx, C. E., Joseph Swain, M. S., Daniel Kirkwood, LL. D., Ernest Mondell Pease, A. M., Horace Bigelow Gale, M. E., Charles Henry Gilbert, Ph. D., Douglas Houghton Campbell, Ph. D., Earl Barnes, M. S., and Jacob Gould Schurman, D. Sc.

The *personel* of the students is very striking, considering the fact that the institution has been open scarcely six months. There are at present over five hundred students representing the states and territories of California, Indiana, Oregon, Washington, Illinois, Iowa, New York, Nevada, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Utah, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky,

Maine, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont and Wisconsin, while others hail from Canada, Japan, Hawaiian Islands, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, China and Mexico.

Class organizations have been perfected, and the various societies necessary to the internal government and improvement of the students are already in operation, among which I include the Y. M. C. A. and kindred christian associations. The *Palo Alto* is the monthly paper published by the students. It is a most creditable publication, and reflects honor upon its manager and editors.

Athletics have already become quite an important feature. For indoor athletics, the students have the advantage of one of the best arranged and finest equipped college gymnasiums in the country, with competent instructors in physical culture, under the leadership of Thomas Denison Wood, A.M., M.D., of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City. The girls also have the benefit of a fine gymnasium arranged and equipped to suit their needs.

The university has been very precocious with regard to outdoor sports; for besides possessing the best amateur base ball team on the coast, it easily won the first game of foot ball in the inter-collegiate contest for the Pacific Coast College Championship between Leland Stanford Jr., University and the University of California.

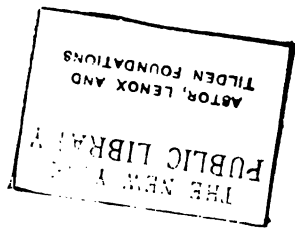
Every facility is offered to the lovers of base-ball, tennis, and field sports generally. The university color is cardinal, which gained such a glorious victory over the blue and gold of the University of California in the recent foot-ball game in San Francisco. Their yell,

"Rah, rah, rah,
Rah, rah, rah,
Rah, rah, Stanford,"

has already become familiar music to the ears of college men of California.



ENCINA HALL, LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.



As might be expected the university early became a fertile field for fraternities. Chapters of Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Tau Omega, and Chi Phi have already been established, and D. K. E. and Beta Theta Pi, having initiates among the students, will probably soon be counted among the fraternity lists.

Finally, it may be said, that under the leadership of President Jordan, a man of marked intellectuality, splendid reputation, and extraordinary executive ability, the future of this institution is assured, and its coming superiority can be doubted by no one. Already, while being almost, if not in reality, the youngest of the universities of the country, it has forged ahead and taken its place among first-grade institutions of its kind. Taking into consideration its location, its competition, its plan and purpose, its propitious opening, and its prospective endowment—variously estimated from ten to twenty-five millions of dollars—the future greatness of Leland Stanford Junior University, the pet scheme of a many times millionaire, the pride of the Santa Clara Valley, the boast of California, none can tell; time only can measure.

San Francisco.

WILLIAM MACK.

MASSACHUSETTS BETA-UPSILON.

It is a prominent characteristic of our S. A. E. men, that when they leave their *Alma Mater* and their local chapter, they still retain an interest, not only in that local chapter, but also in the fraternity at large. Wherever they may go in pursuit of the honors and riches and pleasures and blessings of life, still there dwells in their memory a vision of happy associations connected with the purple and gold. And whenever a member comes into contact with another institution, either as

a student or a neighbor, we can sooner or later expect a chapter there, if the institution be worthy, for our men are enthusiastic and will win. And to this characteristic of earnest devotion we owe not a few of our most promising chapters. No college fraternity can boast of a more loyal membership, alumni as well as undergraduate.

Last September, thoroughly filled with the spirit of extension, and ready to embrace the first favorable opportunity to establish a chapter in Boston university, came the writer to to this old historic spot. Shortly afterward, came Brother Denton, of Ohio Delta, to be a co-worker in the field. Separated though they were, the former in theology and the latter in law, they were not inactive, but were awake to the situation. The visit of Brother H. S. Bunting, in February of this year, was all that was needed, bearing a ray of southern sunshine into bleak New England winter, to kindle the flame which now burns brightly in our hearts to-day. Unformed, half-formed plans were soon completed, and the work of establishing Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, (so named from the initial letters of Boston university) was begun carefully, systematically, successfully.

Boston university has seven organized departments, viz.: College of liberal arts, corresponding to the collegiate department of other universities; college of music; school of theology; school of agriculture; school of law; school of medicine, and school of all sciences (for graduates only). There have been in attendance this year, in these different departments, about 1,050 students. There are already several fraternities here: Phi Delta Phi, in the law school; Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Gamma Phi Beta, in the college of liberal arts. It was determined to make the new chapter a university chapter, not confining it to any one department, thus recognizing worth wherever it may be found. This we have done, with the expectation and hope that by bringing the mem-

bers of different departments together, we shall be mentally benefitted and shall gain a clearer knowledge of the university as a whole.

Under the careful eye of Brother Denton, who did the "spiking" while the writer did the corresponding, the following men were selected as charter members: Percy Butler Lhoyd, A. B., of Jamaica Plain, Mass.—a graduate of the University of Southern California; John Edward Magenis, of North Adams, Mass.; Charles Joseph Bailey, of Portland, Me.; John McKnight, of St. John, N. B.; George Albert Moore, of Brookline, Mass., and Charles Conway Long, of Everett, Mass. With Brother Denton acting as E. R., and the writer as E. A. Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon was formally ushered into existence on the 29th of April, 1892. Brother Denton and the writer did not become charter members, but under constitutional provision, will be active members of the chapter, and work to make it a success, as we doubt not it will be. The brothers are all members of the junior classes and expect to return next year, forming in this respect, the strongest possible basis for a new chapter. More men could have been secured easily, but the standard was placed high and the boys have no tendency to lower it.

Arrangements had been made for an initiatory banquet, and after the initiations had been completed, we all repaired to the Parker house, the finest hotel in the city. After doing justice to an elegant menu, the writer, who had been selected as toastmaster, followed the programme as given below, each speaker responding to his toast in a happy manner, showing that all had caught the spirit of S. A. E., and would ever strive to retain her high position;

"The Fraternal Bond"—G. A. Moore.

"And thou dost make the very night itself,
Brighter than day."

"Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon"—John McKnight.

"May each earnest effort be
Crowned with lasting victory."

"Base Hits and Home Runs"—J. E. Magenis.

"Behold, a giant am I
Aloft here in my tower."

"The Ladies"—C. J. Bailey.

"The name that dwells on every tongue
No minstrel needs."

"My Entrance into S. A. E."—P. B. Lhoyd.

"That happy, dreadful hour,
I'll ne'er forget."

"The Legal Profession"—C. C. Long.

"You know the law
Whereof you are a well-deserving pillar."

"From Atlantic to Pacific"—G. K. Denton.

"Is it a dream? Oh, if it be a dream,
Let me sleep on, and do not wake me yet."

The banquet having been concluded, the organization of the new chapter was effected. This should belong rather to the history of the chapter, and Brother George A. Moore, our enthusiastic E. C., will tell you all about it.

Brothers, we know that you welcome Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon. But let her hear from you. We are away off here, alone, but the men are worthy wearers of the purple and gold; their zeal and earnestness is beyond question. We have scored a victory, and present to you the first of our New England chapters, Massachusetts Beta Upsilon. *Upsilon la Beta-Upsilon.*

Ohio Sigma.

H. C. BURGER.

CHAPTER DUTIES.

We should like to have a report of some kind from each of our chapters, telling us what they are doing in their chapter meetings. What is the programme for an evening at one of their meetings, and how are the members entertained? Is each new member made to feel and to realize the deep, noble and inspiring principles of S. A. E. and is this feeling reciprocated by all the brothers? For the maintenance of a live and active chapter, such a mental condition is a vital necessity and true

fraternity life is never understood without a deep and thoughtful study of our ennobling principles.

In order to find out the actual standing of each chapter in the fraternity, a prominent eastern frat, Theta Delta Chi, I believe, has arrangements whereby her head officer is required to visit each chapter in the fraternity once during the year. This not only gives each chapter the pleasure of meeting their head officer, but also gives the president an opportunity of finding out the actual status of the chapter and a true insight into the workings of each, and thus enables him to give the required aid and assistance to the needy. To do this requires a sound financial basis, and I firmly believe S. A. E. is rapidly reaching that point where some such course as this may be adopted. Then, with such a person as Brother H. S. Bunting in the field to visit the chapters, we poor, struggling kephs would well infuse some of the enthusiasm which he can well afford to spare, and which we all need so much.

In our chapter meetings are we fulfilling the requirements? Is the beautiful programme, as in our ritual, carried out in full? It certainly should be, for it adds interest and impressiveness to the occasion and helps to make each one feel that S. A. E. now claims his whole attention.

Some of our chapters have prepared literary programmes at their meetings. This is, no doubt, a very good plan where our chapters are in very large schools and number twenty active men at least in the chapter, and so the fraternity offers the best field for that kind of work; but in our smaller colleges prepared literary programmes seem to be somewhat of a disadvantage, and also ruin the college literary societies. Impromptu programmes are necessary, but the successful chapter will have too much other work to do to maintain the literary department, and we can hardly say that our chapters are to be known as students' literary societies.

Some of the chapters are very deeply interested in extension. This is a sure incentive for activity among the members of a chapter. We see that nearly all of our northern chapters are

looking around for a good field for work, or are engaged in working up a new chapter. May our southern sisters follow suit and re-establish many of our dead chapters.

Each number of the RECORD should also receive a liberal share of our attention, and each chapter should take special pride in being well represented in every issue. The next convention will doubtless see that the RECORD is given more attention than ever before, and place it even above the journal of any frat. We now have an editor at the helm ready and anxious to do all we could desire if he is only given the proper assistance. Many chapters have a large number of alumni members. These should be looked after. A complete list should be prepared and the names divided among the active members. Each brother should then write a warm, personal letter to each of those assigned to him—a printed circular is too often merely glanced at and then cast aside. This work will not only be pleasant to the writer, but will please the alumnus, and thus interest him more in his chapter and his fraternity. The sooner then will he be willing to help along the boys with substantial aid. In the same manner may chapter correspondence among our sister chapters be maintained with better effect.

Each chapter should keep on hand an accumulating fund. If the chapter has no home of its own, the aim of this money should be for a chapter house. There are various ways of obtaining this fund. By subscriptions from the alumni, if possible; by the payment of a certain sum of money in so many years by every alumnus—say \$50 at least, at \$10 a year, after one has graduated; by a personal tax upon each active member every month. But we members of Colorado Chi have about completed arrangements for starting a building fund by buying several shares in a building and loan association. This will prove a paying investment. The monthly tax will be so small that no one is so poor but he can well afford to meet the demands. The money is kept in safe hands; is compounding interest continually, and within five years at least we will have on

hand an ample amount to build an elegant house. We still have nearly all of our charter members in the chapter, and so can call for no alumni subscriptions; consequently the boys are earnestly endeavoring to place things on a solid foundation for future success. Every chapter should establish such a fund without delay, as it not only places the chapter on a good financial basis, but gives each member a feeling of a certain responsibility to fulfill and makes every one a more loyal, patriotic and enthusiastic member.

There are twelve states that have at least two active chapters in each, while some of these have more. In every state there should be a state association of S. A. E. Our scattered chapters could very easily be united with some one of the states in their vicinity. This would enable chapters to render more assistance to those near them needing help, by bringing all in closer contact with each other. It would also assist the chapters in directing extension in new fields and resuscitating dead chapters, as well as combining many pleasant social features. The value of this organization cannot be overestimated, and in Colorado we have already held our first meeting, on the day of the state oratorical contest in Colorado Springs, on March 18, and we perfected arrangements for a complete state association. May every chapter take this matter in hand and help to bring into union every active chapter as well as our alumni members.

Thus it is very evident that there is much for each one of us to do, and these several pointers mentioned are but a small fraction of the actual work on hand in a live chapter. However, if some of these suggestions are brought into actual practice by the chapters, each member will find plenty on hand with which to interest himself and the remainder of the chapter, and then will each individual feel more responsibility upon his shoulders; will better perform all work assigned him; will understand a great deal more about his fraternity than in any other way, and the quicker will all agree that "membership in such an organization can only be a genuine pleasure."

Colorado Chi.

PAUL M. NORTH.

REORGANIZATION OF MOTHER MU.

On the night of March 9th 1856 at the State University, Tuscaloosa, Ala., the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity first came into existence. It is needless to remark upon its founders and its early history; it is a memory ever kept green in the hearts of loyal Sigs. Mu, the mother chapter, lived and died, the civil war striking her a blow beneath which she fell, though not before her noble, great, and grand principles had shown forth and been embraced by many loyal and illustrious sons of the south. Dead? No—only stunned, for in 1886 she was again reorganized by enthusiastic members of Ala. Iota and her course ran smoothly for awhile, but from causes only too well known among fraternity men, Mother Mu was again assigned a resting place in the fraternity grave yard. Again the resurrection note has sounded and Mother Mu stands before us in all light and splendor of her resurrection robes. Eight initiates, strong, true, and brave grace her chapter roll and have sworn to keep, guard and protect her and to further her interests in all things.

On April 19th D. J. Castleman Jr. president of Province A, visited the State University and in conjunction with Cadet W. M. Adams (who was initiated by Bro. H. S. Bunting at Florence, Ala. last summer) pledged seven men for S. A. E.

Returning to Greensboro on the 25th he notified his chapter of the success and on the 29th he returned to Tuscaloosa with the following members of Iota of the Southern University to participate in the initiation.

D. J. Castleman Jr., H. C. Jack, H. S. Crawford, F. C. Brown, L. K. Benson, B. C. Hunter, J. O. Long, T. H. Cooper, W. E. Martin, M. Andrews, R. H. Mauguin, J. R. Sparkman, J. R. Gamble; also a member of Iota came from Birmingham, where business had called him, to be present on the occasion. J. W. Eckford being quite ill when the party left on Friday came up on a special train on Saturday, but suffered severely from the effects of the trip. Bro. W. M. Blakey of Montgom-

ery, Ala., and also an old member of Mu was present to aid and encourage the good work. Regrets were expressed on all sides that Alpha Mu could not be present and witness a sight scarcely to be seen once in a life time. The joys of the occasion only those who were present know.

Immediately upon the arrival of the Sigs on Friday evening they were conducted to the hospitable home of Mrs. Adams, the mother of Bro. W. M. Adams, where they were received by a coterie of Tuscaloosa's most charming young ladies. Music and the dance was enjoyed until about 12:30, when the company adjourned to the beautifully decorated dining hall, where the charming hostess had prepared a sumptuous feast. Miss Anna Byrne, the charming daughter of Mrs. Adams, made the entire assemblage feel perfectly at ease by her charming mode of entertaining.

The Sigs in a body enjoyed Saturday morning in a general survey of the town. At the university an informal meeting was held, and the new Sigs were met for the first time. And when upon the streets a Sig chanced to meet his favorite of the fair sex still wearing the purple and gold placed there the eve before, it truly did his heart good.

In the afternoon, after witnessing a game of ball, between the Cadets and the Southern University boys, they adjourned to the site of Littles's old school house (the spot upon which the fraternity was organized), where a picture was taken with Hon. Newton Nash Clements as a central figure, and closely grouped around him, the new members of the old chapter Mu, surrounded by the representatives of Iota. Owing to the lateness of the hour it is feared the picture may not be what it should. The old school house has long since disappeared, but in the grounds stands a noble old tree bearing the scars of many a wound inflicted upon it by the school boys of years long past. And as we gathered beneath its venerable boughs and naught for a covering save the azure vault of heaven, how little did the crowd of curious spectators who gathered around know of the

hallowed and solemn thoughts that filled our minds. This very ground had been pressed by the foot of Noble, Leslie, De Votie and many of his faithful followers, and now once again after many years, which had wrought many changes, the welkin was made to ring and re-echo with praise for S. A. E., and Ru-rah, Ru-rah, Ru-rah-ree, Ru-rah, Ru-rah, S. A. E.

At 8:30 P. M. the parlors of the Washington hotel were filled with the wearers of the royal purple and old gold to witness and participate in the initiation. Mu's new members are as follows: W. M. Adams, Thos. H. Maxwell, J. P. Powers, Jno. Little, all of the Junior class and residing in or near Tuscaloosa, and S. W. Purifoy of Wilcox county, also a Junior; C. Monroe from near Tuscaloosa, of the Sophomore class; E. C. Burke of Montgomery, Ala., and J. C. Nichols of Tuscaloosa, of the Freshman class. All the initiates will return next season.

After the "goat" had for about two hours exercised vigorously, and had been made acquainted with the seven from the ranks of the un-initiated many, and had now about become exhausted, the assembly adjourned to the dining rooms, where proprietor Lee had truly spread a feast of good things. Here was found a treat not only for the physical, but also for the intellectual man, for gems of intellect emanating from the brilliant minds of the chosen toasters, delighted all the banqueters. Hon. N. N. Clements acting as toastmaster for the occasion, presided with much dignity, and as the lives and many noble deeds of illustrious members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were passed in review the spacious apartments echoed and re-echoed the yell and songs. The toasts were arranged in the following order. "Mother Mu in the Cradle," Hon. N. N. Clements; "The Present, Past and Future of Mu," Mr. Frank Moody; "Province A," D. J. Castleman, jr.; "Alabama Iota," H. S. Crawford; "The Young Sigs," R. H. Mauguis; "Our Alumni," Dr. W. B. Hall; "The New Initiates," Thos. H. Maxwell; "Farewell," Wm. M. Blakey.

The wee small hours were advancing before the banquet

hall was deserted. Among the prominent alumni of the fraternity there were present Mr. Frank Moody, president of the First National Bank, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Dr. W. B. Hall of the State Hospital.

Too much praise can not be spoken in behalf of the zeal and merits of Bro. W. M. Adams. He has worked faithfully and earnestly, and though the reward was slow, victory has at last crowned his efforts, and he rightly has the love and esteem of every Sig from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate. When the 4:30 train rolled out, laden with the tired, yet enthusiastic Sigs, many hearty good-byes were said, and many sincere regrets expressed that they should have to leave the city wherein they had been so royally entertained. Thus ended the second resurrection morn of Mother Mu.

MISSOURI BETA

The boys of Mo. Alpha had long wished to have at least one other chapter of S. A. E. within the bounds of their state, from which they could feel the quickening influence of friends close at hand, and be enthused by the actions and successes of some other Missouri boys who could boast of the purple and gold and reflect the diamond from their breasts.

And now at last their desires are satisfied, and they too have a story of joy and good news to tell, for on the evening of April 20th was established at Washington university, St. Louis, Missouri, Beta chapter of a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Our boys at Columbia had long desired to have the standard of S. A. E. in this university but never before had found a favorable opportunity until this winter our enthusiastic young

brother, M. B. Yeaman, from Ferguson, Mo., directed our attention to a fine local chapter of fifteen good men; and, after due correspondence and discussion, the initiation was set for the evening mentioned.

It would have been difficult to determine which were the more eager—the boys at Columbia or those in St. Louis.

Our genial and warm-hearted young brother, John C. Burnham, of Pueblo, Colo., and myself were just ready to take the train for the city when a telegram was given him bidding him to come home immediately. It could only be obeyed; and it was with sorrow on the one hand and joy on the other that I alone went to fill our appointment.

However, once in the city, and with our alumni, Bros. J. L. Bussel, B. E. Todd and M. B. Yeaman, I thought only of the coming event we had been so anxiously looking for.

At about half past eight we were assembled at the university building and the preliminaries having been prepared, we proceeded to reveal the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to as true and loyal a set of men as ever entered her fold.

After the initiation ceremony was completed, the new chapter proceeded to elect officers, choosing them as follows:

Bro. A. H. Buck, E. A.; Bro. E. Hendrich, E. D. A.; Bro. R. E. Rolfe, E. R.; Bro. A. F. Ittner, E. T.; Bro. A. R. Abbott, E. H.; Bro. V. W. Willits; Bro. J. Hayes Campbell; Bro. E. R. Gayler; Bro. L. C. Dziatzks, E. C.; Bro. Ben May, Jr., E. W.; Bro. W. H. Grocott; Bro. R. B. Brinsmade; Bro. W. P. Ebestein; Bro. W. V. Lloyd; Bro. A. Boyd.

After these duties were performed our newly established chapter was ready and prepared for her work, confident and determined that many honors and much glory would be won by the boys of Mo. Beta, at Washington university.

The remainder of the evening was spent in those pastimes which only college boys know; and which they alone can enjoy and appreciate.

The only regret of the evening was that by some unavoid-

able circumstance, one of our founders, Bro. John W. Kerr, who now lives in St. Louis, could not be present to give us a description of S. A. E. in '56. However, an appointment was made to have that pleasure at a later date, and we all retired at an hour much too late for many of our new brethren to catch a street car to take them to their suburban homes.

The next afternoon was spent by us in visiting St. Louis' parks and in admiring her boulevards, for which she has a national reputation; and how beautiful they seemed on that bright, sunny spring afternoon to us boys, in whose hearts a love of fraternity and its teachings had been kindled as warm and quickening as the fresh, green turf on which we trod.

Late in the evening we returned to the city, and I, back to Columbia to bring to our brothers here the good news of love and friendship, so successfully begun.

Washington university is a splendid school, and fraternity life there is just well begun. The Phi Delta Theta has a fine chapter there of about twenty men, who heartily welcomed the S. A. Es. into the university.

Our new initiates have thoroughly caught the spirit of the fraternity. They stand high in all of their several places in the college; and I feel quite sure that honor and glory, of S. A. E., has been placed in good keeping with them; and that one of the future bright stars of the fraternity will be her chapter at Washington university.

Let all our chapters unite in sending warmest greeting and welcome to their new sister of that fair and flourishing city at the very heart of our country.

Mo. Alpha.

CURTIS HAYDON.

CHAPTER VISITATION.

The truest members of our fraternity are those who are ever ready to take a step in advance when they see a chance to enhance the welfare of our order. From such news of the Atlanta convention as has been told us by Brother H. S. Bunting, or has been received through letters and the pages of the RECORD, we recognize that the delegates showed a spirit of progress greater than at any other convention in the last decade. Our knowledge of the work is still incomplete, although it is now the middle of April, three and one-half months since the convention adjourned. The minutes have not come to hand. But baring our opinion on unofficial reports, in the absence of authoritative records, we see much to indicate push and energy. We heartily rejoice to see this readiness to enter into new fields of fraternity economics and administration. We believe that every new idea advanced and adopted is practicable, and that from this hour forward there is a grander opportunity to advance our interests and make S. A. E. a power greater than she has been heretofore. You will pardon me, I know, if I venture to bring forward another idea, which would prove of incalculable value if some method of carrying it out could be devised. We should discuss it, and see if there is a possibility of putting the idea into effect. It is not entirely new, and I do not claim to have originated it; it is well worthy our consideration, however, and the end may suggest the means.

It is the official visitation of every chapter in our fraternity. Even a visit to those places where we have had chapters of our order is to be included under this system of visitation. Those chapters which have "died the death" might easily be revived, were there an earnest official on the ground to show a genuine interest in the work, that cannot be shown by any amount of correspondence. To the active chapters, it seems to us, there would be many advantages accruing from a well regulated sys-

tem of visitation. In the first place, the members of the individual chapters would be stimulated to greater effort in scholastic lines. The members would strive to make the best showing possible when the official visitor appeared, and the effect would be lasting. In so many places local coloring gives its entirety to the chapter and the general fraternity is scarcely thought of. Our point here is, that in some cases, for purely local reasons, men have been initiated solely to keep the ranks filled—men who are unworthy a place in the order and who would not have been admitted had there been a system of visitation in effect, so that the men would have been judged by the same standard at all schools. There would be more of a desire to secure the best men only, while as it is, we fear that too often the best men are not sought after. Then again, the individual chapter would be brought into closer contact with the other chapters, and would learn more and more of the methods employed by them in all their lines of work. There could not but result great benefit from the knowledge of the inner workings of the respective chapters. Then, too, the chapters would be bound together more closely in one grand whole, and would have a stronger bond of union extending from Keph to Keph—a closer sympathy and fellowship. We can never reach the limit, although we may approach unto it, by some such system of official visitation.

But while the members of the chapters and the chapters themselves would experience these good results, the administrative power of the general fraternity would also get a clearer view of the chapters as a whole, and each individual chapter in particular. Each chapter's actual standing, strength, character and capabilities, whether financial intellectual or social, would be determined beyond a doubt. Lastly, the chapters, it seems to us, would be strengthened in this, that when the visit of the official would be observed by an outsider, it would be seen that the general fraternity had a deep interest in the individual chapter, and that there was a deep

fraternity life that was more than local. And if such an outsider were to be bidden, he would feel readier to enter S. A. E. because of the knowledge that the chapter had not mere local aspirations and desires, but that it was an integral part of one vast whole, which extended over the entire land, having within its bounds the best institutions of the nation. Are not these *possible*, nay, *probable* benefits of such a character as to allow us freedom to discuss the subject, and to devise means to bring about this end ?

The next thing in order is to consider who the official visitor or visitors shall be. Shall he be the E. S. A. ? It does not seem practicable ; we are no longer *sectional*, we are *national*. Our chief officer's chief remuneration is honor, and "honor" will not purchase mileage books and pay other travelling expenses. Undoubtedly, the E. S. A. should be the man, but it is almost impossible to conceive of the time when this shall be practicable. We extend already from Michigan to Texas, and from New York to California ; and soon our eastern boundary will be the Atlantic, not in the sunny south, but in Puritan New England. The spirit of extension is carrying us on to victory, in all parts of the land, and we have scarcely awakened from our lethargic sleep. And with a territory of such extent, neither the E. S. A., nor any other official, can take the time to visit all the chapters, even were the expenses forthcoming, which, under such an arrangement, would be enormous. So we turn to another plan.

The Province presidents next come under our notice. Widely separated as they are, the territory of at least one Province (D) is too extensive, reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, to admit of visitation by its President. In a short time, this Province must be divided into two, or at present rate of growth, into three or four Provinces. In this way, by an increase in the number of Provinces (and supervision would be the more effective) and the reestablishment of boundary lines, it seems to us that the plan of official visitation by Province Presidents would be entirely practicable.

But if the provinces be not reorganized, as seems to us expedient, then we turn, naturally, to the editors of THE RECORD. They are chosen from all sections of the land, and, as no section is wanting in representation, every chapter is in reach of some one editor. With the editor-in-chief or the supreme council mapping out and controlling their work, they could cover the territory and bring about lasting results for good. The chapters would willingly entertain the visitor for a week or ten days, and even in much less time the good work could be done. Thus, a small sum, less than five dollars perhaps, from each chapter, would pay the entire expense of travel and would be met willingly, for each chapter would certainly see that it would be benefitted to a great degree. I do not favor this plan because I happen to be one of the editors, but because under existing management, I believe it to be the most feasible. Personally, I favor a reestablishment and reorganization of Provinces, in such a way as to give more effective supervision, and then give the Presidents authority to make official visitations to every chapter in their Provinces. So I am free from the charge of seeking self-aggrandizement. Speaking of Provinces, why not divide Province D into three Provinces, making the dividing lines the eastern boundary of Ohio, and the Mississippi river? The Eastern Province, at present, would have but a few chapters, but others would soon be added. The Western Province, as we indicate it, has already five chapters—as many active chapters as has Province A. It will not be long until another boundary line can be drawn at the eastern border of Colorado, and the Western Province be further divided. The Provinces which I have designated, especially those where we now have but few chapters, are the Provinces which will build up and in which, for the next decade, our greatest work will be done.

Brothers, I feel the importance of such a division, or of some arrangement which will give us systematic official visitation. If it impresses you as it has impressed me, give it your

ripest thoughts and let the subject be discussed ; it is worthier a more careful examination than has been given it in these scattered and rambling thoughts. Discuss it pro and con, and let us see what your opinion is. It seems to me to be the thing most needful in our fraternity economics of to-day, and one which should be acted upon at our next convention. I may be a "crank" upon this subject, but nevertheless, I am most thoroughly impressed with the idea of official visitation, fully believing that the beneficial results would be lasting.

Boston University.

H. C. BURGER.

EDITORIAL.

Extension has long been an absorbing topic for discussion in S. A. E. circles. Page after page has been written on the subject, every convention has discussed it, and it has been the theme of many a bulky epistle borne by Uncle Sam's trusty messengers from one enthusiastic Sig to another. Much has been said and done that at the time seemed fruitless, but it now seems that the bread cast upon the waters has returned and that what appeared to be inaction was, instead, the gathering of a mighty impetus for a grand forward movement this present year. The embers of enthusiasm smouldering here and there only required the breath of the Atlanta convention to start them into a steady flame, and their beacon lights have aroused East, West, North and South into a ferment of activity. Already THE RECORD has announced the birth and explained the origin of Indiana Alpha and California Alpha, since convention, and now three others are ready to be presented and make their first bow.

S. A. E. has truly become national. First the South, then the middle states and the great West were added to her territory, and now we have penetrated the far East and New England nourishes a chapter of the fraternity whose battle cry has been, "Let the limits of our growth be only the nation's boundaries." Others add a citadel to our possessions, but Bros. Burger and Denton have added a Province.

But if it denotes progress to make inroads into the forests of barbarism, it is no less important to grub out those collegiate stumps which we have passed by in haste to extend our fraternal field, and the news of the birth of Missouri Beta will be hailed with pleasure by all, as a sign that our interests in that state are broadening and strengthening. To Missouri Alpha belongs the praise.

The youth forced to make his way in the world, jostled by the crowd, struggling for bare existence or exulting in growing power, may for a time forget the spot of his nativity and its hallowed ties. But the time will come when he will turn to it with a longing heart, and visions of the dear old home will haunt his memory. That time has come to S. A. E., and though the old hearth-stone had disappeared, loving hands have erected a living monument to designate forever the spot of its former existence. Mu, the mother of chapters, once more appears on our rolls.

For the attainment of this long hoped for end, Bro. Will Mitchell Adams deserves the highest praise for his pluck and perseverance in working for Mu's revival, though confronted by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, initiated by alumni and without that practical experience in fraternity work, such as the chapter man naturally acquires, he was left alone in the university to contest with the trained workers of rival organizations backed by the prestage of numbers.

But a boy of pluck who has his mother to back him, is no mean antagonist, and success was bound to come sooner or later. To the lovely mother of Bro. Adams the fraternity is indebted for her interest, counsel and courtesy extended to the visiting S. A. E's., who assisted with the initiation. "We are justly proud of our mothers in Israel."

Bro. Adams was ably assisted in his work of spiking by Bro. D. J. Castleman, Jr., Pres. of Prov. A., who spent over a week in Tuscaloosa for that purpose. A pleasing incident of the initiation was the presence of one of Mu's earliest initiates, Hon. N. N. Clements, a striking testimony to the hold our fraternity retains on the hearts of her members.

Much has been accomplished since convention, but the end is not yet. Other workers have yet to bring in their sheaves, and the future is rich with promise.

Work on the new catalogue is progressing. Editor Clements and his energetic assistants are sparing no labor to push it

to a rapid and satisfactory completion. Unfortunately the same energy is not being displayed in all quarters. Some of the chapters are giving the matter proper attention, but others are negligent. Owing to a failure to follow the plan outlined by the editors, some confusion of method has resulted. The Grand chapters, as a rule, are pushing the work, but one of them the editors report as inattentive to their correspondence.

But while those in charge are doing all they can, they cannot succeed in their work without *your* help. Only by a grand united effort can we produce a catalogue worthy of our order. Let each chapter push vigorously its share of the work, each alumnus respond promptly to the appeal of his chapter, each Grand chapter look after our chapterless brothers, and the task will be heavy on none, the result speedily reached, and a source of pardonable pride to all.

We occasionally receive a chapter letter signed simply, Alpha, Beta or Delta, and we wish to give notice that hereafter no anonymous letters will be published. If for no other reason, the writer's name should be subscribed for convenience in future correspondence between the editor and the chapter; but there is a better reason, some one must be personally responsible for every statement made concerning a chapter and we do not care to accept that responsibility. We can conceive but two reasons for withholding the name, an extreme modesty, and a shame of the letter. If the former is the trouble, we hope to assist in overcoming it. If the latter, just drop your letter in the waste basket and save us the trouble. Some of our exchanges have suggested a good plan for correspondents—that each letter shall be read before a chapter meeting before being sent for publication. Such a plan carried out could not fail to result in the improvement of the average chapter letter.

The convention minutes are out at last. They are very complete with the exception of the editors' report which was

lost. Memory, however, tells us that they are incorrect in a number of instances. The reason given for the delay in publication is hardly satisfactory. The minutes are intended to record the exact proceedings of the convention and not of the action of the chapters on such proceedings.

S. A. E. has a new publication. It does not owe its origin to any convention law or council edict, but springs directly from a heart overflowing with love and zeal for S. A. E. and burning with a desire to inspire others with the same fervor and incite them to better efforts for their loved fraternity. To such an ardent nature our official publications are all too slow in their movements. Bunting's *Specials* fill a want, and have a place in our fraternity literature. May their tribe increase.

We are pleased to note that most of our chapters now use chapter letter heads. Those who do not should fall in line and exhibit pride and interest enough in their fraternity to advertise it in this manner. The letter head of Tenn. Nu. is the most complete of any we have noticed ; besides giving names of university, fraternity, chapter and province, it gives dates of the organization, the fraternity and chapter. That of Mich. Iota Beta gives the fraternity yell.

Since we have a secret journal, THE RECORD pages will hereafter be closed to discussions of extension and finance, except of a general character.

Our boys at Ga. School of Technology have for some time been dissatisfied with their chapter name and recently applied for a new christening. The supreme council has granted the request and that chapter is now known as Ga. Phi.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Ga. Psi.—Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

We regret very much in not sending our last letter in time for publication which, we assure you, was not from a lack of fraternal spirit. This has been a very prosperous year for Psi. Never before in the history of the fraternity have we been in so good condition for fraternity work. We are alive to all the interests of S. A. E. and are trying to do our duty as a chapter. We have initiated only a few men this collegiate year. There is not much material in college, especially in the lower classes. We are not in need of any men at present. We number sixteen at present. Six of these are seniors who leave us this year but we hope they will still make active members in the fraternity at large. We will receive more than our share of college honors this year. We take the second honor this year, besides three places in the senior class. Bro. Bagwell is anniversarian of Ciceronian society. Bro. Bagwell won quite a reputation as an orator last year in the public debate. The Junior class contested for speakers' places a few days ago. There are only eight places given. We received five of these places. This is a great victory as the places are very much sought after by the other five frats.

Your correspondent was captain of foot-ball team this year, and we had other players.

We rejoice at the great growth of the fraternity. May she always prosper and stand foremost among college fraternities. We wish sister chapters much success and extend best wishes and hopes for their lasting prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. HARP.

Georgia Alpha Alumnus, Atlanta.

The greetings of Alpha to the S. A. E. world, a handshake to the order's workers, and a message of hearty congratulation to our latest chapters—Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, at Boston university ; Missouri Beta, at Washington university ; and old Mother Mu, again at the university of Alabama ! Nothing could have given us greater pleasure than did the triple triumph which resulted, between two consecutive days, to bring about this long desired consummation. To the boys of each chapter the alumni of Atlanta extend a hearty welcome. May Beta and Beta-Upsilon at once put on the harness and become the propoganda for S. A. E. in the fine college fields in which they are situated. We shall watch each with interest.

Our chapter here does not have the feature of regular lodge meetings. Its members, numbering about eighty, range in age from extreme youth to the battle-scarred war veterans, and, of course, are scattered in all branches of business and the professions, from the first round of the ladder to the top. Many of these have their Odd Fellow, Masonic and Pythian obligations and consequently would not give any enthusiasm to alumni lodge meetings, if we inaugurated them. Then, too, the fraternity chapter meeting is preeminently a thing of college days, and men in busy life do not have the same need or time for it. What we do need and have both time and enthusiasm for, however, is just such an organization as we have—one with few iron-clad regulations, one which brings us all in touch with each other in every day life, one which enables all the older members to keep up with the latest initiates of their city by personal introduction, and best of all, one which holds important gatherings three or four times a year around the festal board-reunions, when Sig eloquence awakens Sig memories, and when lusty Sig throats sing the songs of fraternity and good cheer. Such meetings among the alumni of cities like Atlanta count for something, where lodge-meetings simple would be barren of results. We may be said to hold our lodge

meetings, though, when a dozen Sigs accidentally drop into some brother's office to discuss politics, or when they frequent the parlors of our boys of Ga. Phi., at the Technological Institute, or meet and sit together at church. We like the plan we pursue and recommend it to other alumni chapters.

We have had lots of interesting news, lately. Our loyal brother, Harvey Johnson, (Ga. Beta), was paid the distinguished honor of a unanimous election to the captaincy of the Grady Cadets a few weeks ago. It was a just tribute, as he is handsome, clear-headed and well-up in military tactics, although not actively connected with militia for a number of years, and is, moreover, one of the most popular fellows in Atlanta. But he did not accept, feeling he did not have the necessary time. Then another brother, Thomas Cobb Jackson, (Ga. Beta), was paid a like honor which he accepted. It is Captain Jackson now.

On Memorial Day, Hon. Hooper Alexander, (Ga. Beta), was the distinguished orator, at the Rome, Ga. celebration. His oration was a matchless one, carrying his vast audience with him. On Friday night, 6th inst., Francis Fontaine, of old Ga. Pi., delivered a splendid address at the invitation of the Girls' High school. This distinguished brother is a scholar and literateur of considerable note. Captain Harry Jackson, (Ga. Beta), was elected attorney for the Richmond & Danville Railroad, at the recent reorganization. And thus it goes with Sigs in high stations. We are pleased to report that Dr. J. S. Todd, (Ga. Pi), has convalesced from a serious sickness.

The influx of S. A. Es. continues in Atlanta. W. H. Westmoreland, (S. C. Phi), is now rushing insurance, and the ladies, with a vengeance ; R. F. Bunting, Jr., (Tenn. Zeta), has entered business with a prominent commission house ; George H. Bunting, (Tenn. Zeta), is now advertising agent for *The Sunny South* and *The Southern Farm*, with headquarters here

Visiting Sigs are also plentiful. Mr. Edwin G. Seibels, (S. C. Delta), special agent of the Caledonian Ins. Co , of

Scotland, was with us several days. Rev. John H. Patton, (Tenn. Zeta), of Marietta, R. T. P. Bloodworth (Ga. Beta), and Maj. Chas. H. Smith, ("Bill Arp"), were in attendance at the National Scotch-Irish Congress the past month. Brother Arp delivered one of his humorous essays on "The Georgia Cracker," which was said to have been the effort of his life.

We hope the catalogue committee are meeting with the proper support.

Yours in the bonds,

H. S. BUNTING.

Ala. Mu—University of Ala., Tuscaloosa.

Mu again looms forth in all her pristine vigor and extends greetings to Sigdom. At the request of Brother H. S. Bunting I will go back to last summer to outline the plans for the reestablishment of our mother chapter. During last vacation, I visited Florence, Ala., that beautiful and picturesque city situated on the bluffs of the Tennessee River. It was here that I met that noble, generous and loyal Sig, Harry S. Bunting. The days I spent with him I number among the happiest of my life. He immediately set out with the determination to make me a Sig; and he did not let me rest until a favorable answer was received. I was initiated on the 25th of last August. There were present at the initiation, Maj. J. H. Field, my Uncle, Judge J. J. Mitchell, R. F. Bunting, W. M. Bunting, H. S. Bunting and C. W. Aschcraft. From my association with Bro. Bunting, I soon learned the importance of my mission. When Autumn came I bid farewell to the fair city and her charming maidens, returning to the university with a new purpose and endeavor. For I had formed a solemn determination to reestablish Mu if it was in the bounds of possibility.

At the opening of college, Brother J. H. Baukhead, who was studying law here, assisted me. But he decided to attend the Georgetown Law School at the beginning of the new year.

So I was left alone and upon my own resources. Many disappointments confronted me in my struggles for Mu. At the beginning of school I thought once that success would crown my efforts. But not so, my crutches were knocked from under me by the well established chapters here. Many rebuffs and disappointments stared me in the face at times when success seemed very near. But the harder the task the sweeter the victory, when won. I have always been taught to "*Never say die!*" That same voice encouraged and counselled me, telling me that having put my hand to the helm, press forward. I counselled with her about my men. In the meantime, I was in correspondence with Bros. Champe Andrews, of Auburn ; W. D. Dunlap, of Selena ; H. S. Bunting, of Atlanta and about six weeks ago I opened a correspondence with D. J. Castleman, Jr., of Greensborough. I wrote Bro Castleman to come up on the 20th of April, upon which day the university held Field Day. He remained over until the 25th. While with me, we pledged seven of the best men in school. Alabama Alpha-Mu, Georgia Beta and Alabama Iota were extended invitations to be present at the installation. We also wrote Bros. W. D. Dunlap, H. S. Bunting and W. M. Blakey, of Montgomery, inviting them to be present.

The initiation took place on Saturday night, April 30th, at the parlors of the Washington hotel. Alpha-Mu, Ga. Beta, W. D. Dunlap and H. S. Bunting were unable to be present. On the Friday night previous, the following Iota boys came up: F. L. Brown, H. G. Crawford, D. J. Castleman, L. K. Benson, B. C. Hunter, J. O. Long, T. H. Cooper, W. E. Martin, H. C. Jack, J. R. Sparkman, M. Andrews, R. H. Maugum, J. R. Gamble and J. W. Eckford. My mother tendered the visiting Sigs a reception at our home the night they arrived, when they mingled with the elite of Tuscaloosa society. Brother W. M. Blakey came over from Montgomery on Saturday morning. Part of Saturday morning was spent in making a survey of the "City of Oaks." About eleven o'clock, the Sigs in a body

visited the university—the birth-place and cradle of S. A. E. Here, an informal meeting was held with the candidates for initiation. The next thing on docket was a game of ball between the State university and Southern university, which we attended. After the game was over, the Sigs met at the old site of Professor G. Little's school house—a spot sacred in memories to every Sig in the land. The old building in which the fraternity was organized is not now standing, but the candidates for initiation and the visiting Sigs grouped themselves under an old tree in the yard, with Colonel N. N. Clements, one of the first initiates, as a central figure. There, a picture was taken of the group. The time for initiation was drawing near. The boys repaired to their quarters, and took tea. At eight o'clock, the Washington hotel parlors were thronged by the wearers of the triumphant colors. Among the Alumni who attended the initiation were Col. N. N. Clements, Mr. Frank Moody, president of the First National Bank, Dr. Hall, of the hospital and Mr. W. M. Blakey, a rising young lawyer, of Montgomery and an old member of Mu chapter. The initiation began at 8:30 o'clock. The following were the initiates: Thos. H. Maxwell, John Little, James P. Powers, Seaborn W. Purifoy, Collier Monroe, Jesse Crook Nicholls and Edward C. Burke. After the initiation services we retired to the dining hall. Colonel Clements acted as toast-master, doing great honor to the occasion.

The toasts were made in the following order:

“Mother Mu in the Cradle”—Col. Clements.

“The Past Present and Future of S. A. E.”—Mr. Frank Moody.

“Province A.”—D. J. Castleman.

“Alabama Iota”—H. G. Crawford.

“The Reestablishment of Mu”—W. M. Adams.

“The Young Sigs”—R. H. Maugum.

“Our Alumni”—Dr. W. B. Hall.

“The New Initiates”—Thos. Maxwell.

“Farwell”—W. M. Blakey.

Col. Clements and Mr. Moody revived many interesting incidents of their early fraternity life.

The inspiration for the work of reestablishing Mu chapter is largely due to Brother H. S. Bunting. It was through his watchful care for the interest of the fraternity that a nucleus of a sole member was left in the land of the enemy to fight for a strong-hold.

The Iota boys left Sunday morning on the 4:50 train quite tired but none the less enthusiastic. We enjoyed their presence with us hugely. They departed with a firm "grip" and many good wishes for the success of Alabama Mu. Bro. Blakey stayed over until Sunday night, when he too, bid farewell to the new boys of Mu.

Our chapter held her first meeting Wednesday, the 4th, for the purpose of electing officers, Dr. Hall acting as E. A. Mu holds her first regular meeting to-morrow, Saturday, the 7th, and she is going hard to work. Thus, Mu sees the light once more. With a hearty "grip" for all Sigs, from Mu, and thanks for all congratulations,

I am, yours fraternally,

W. M. ADAMS.

Ala. Iota—Southern University, Greensboro.

True, we were silent in the last issue of THE RECORD, but we neither slumbered nor slept; it was only the calm before the storm.

Would we could tell you here of our joyous time in Tuscaloosa, at the reorganization of "Mother Mu." Words can not be called forth to express the half we felt, and our high appreciation of the many courtesies shown us on all hands and the hospitable manner in which we were entertained in the home of our Bro. W. M. Adams, of that city.

Should any chapter in the whole of Sigdom be in a dull, drowsy condition we say let them take steps in the right direction for their fraternity, organize or reorganize a chapter, and

we guarantee they will be inspired with all the enthusiasm necessary for their well-being. Without a certain degree of enthusiasm we can do nothing and the only way to have this enthusiasm is to go to work and become interested in the cause of S. A. E. On account of the interest which Iota has taken in the reorganization of Mu, I feel that her constitution and general health is much improved, nor have I seen, during four years connection with the chapter, so much enthusiasm and determination to march to the front in all matters pertaining to fraternity.

The base-ball club of the university has been quite unsuccessful this season, having lost both the most important match games. For some reasons our "Field Day" failed to materialize, and our university has yet to make her first show in athletic sports. It is with us as we suppose it is most everywhere, the banquet and commencement is the favorite topic of conversation just now.

Our brother, Prof. C. A. Grote, of the university, on account of ill health has found it necessary to resign his chair of modern languages for the balance of this term. May his travels, change of scene and atmosphere prove beneficial to him and in good time may he return among us restored in mind and bodily vigor. Wishing much success to every Sig in his final examination, I am,

Yours in the purple and gold,

D. J. CASTLEMAN, JR.

Ala. Alpha Mu—I. and M. College, Auburn.

Alpha Mu's ranks have been somewhat reduced lately. Bro. J. H. Dunstan, of Roanoke, Va., resigned college and returned home, while Bro. C. H. Smith, of Rome, Ga., and C. S. Andrews, of Chattanooga, Tenn., have gone home on account of sickness. We hope to have them with us soon. It was very unfortunate that Bro. Andrews had to leave for he was one of the Sophomore declaimers and every one thought he had a good chance for the medal.

Our commencement is but five weeks off, and with the graduating class we lose two of our best men, Bros. C. A. Brown and R. J. Trammell. We dislike very much to give them up.

We will be well represented at the commencement exercises, having seven out of the fifteen speakers. Our representatives from the senior class are Bros. Brown and Trammell, and from the junior class we have Bros. Little, Miller, C. Smith, Mell and myself.

Our chapter is well represented on the '93 base-ball team, the champion class team of the college. Bro. Mell is captain and pitcher and Bros. Pon and Boykin are right and center field respectively.

We are glad to see the "cottage movement" progressing so nicely. Alpha Mu wants to have her share in the matter.

With a hearty "grip" and best wishes for all the chapters, especially the new ones, I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. S. CRUMP.

N. C. Theta—Davidson College, Davidson.

Having been now twice too late with our letter, we take time by the forelock to insure our place in this issue of THE RECORD.

We feel that it is in order first to congratulate our noble order on the remarkable progress that has been made both in the extension of her bounds and the furtherance of those means which more surely guarantee her future prosperity and perpetuity.

Theta intends to contribute her mite towards the erection of the summer cottage on Lookout; and to this end she prays the editors of THE RECORD to keep the matter before the minds of the brothers.

Our chapter's present condition is most encouraging. We know that a good year's work has been done, and, furthermore, that at the distribution of honors next commencement S. A.

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E.'s representative here will step up for her full share. But this is anticipating, and modesty becomes us better than boasting.

Mr. W. W. Flowe, of Mooresville, N. C., will soon be under the colors and care of S. A. E.

Dr. C. S. Summers, an alumnus of Theta, is now with us for a short season. He recently graduated with honors from John Hopkins, when immediately his high merits were appreciated, as is shown by the distinguished positions offered him, surgeon of the R. & D. railroad and surgeon of the Third regiment N. C. S. G. Bro. Summers is as full of life and sport as when a student on the campus.

Another of our alumni whom we mention with pride is the Rev. E. Mack, now of Charlotte, N. C., where he fills the pulpit of the late Dr. A. W. Miller, one of the most celebrated divines of the Southern Presbyterian church. Bro. Mack, though so young a man, only 24 years of age, is noted for his zeal, eloquence, learning and piety. He has succeeded already in the few weeks of his ministration at Charlotte in winning the confidence and love of his charge, probably the largest in that city.

With heartiest greetings to all and congratulations and welcome to our new chapters, we remain

Yours in S. A. E.,

GEO. H. CORNELSON.

N. C. Xi—University of N. C., Chapel Hill.

N. C. Xi is happy to be able to report a very successful condition and to say that, though our numbers are smaller than usual, we are maintaining the high standing which S. A. E. has always held in this institution.

The friends of the university believe that she has commenced upon an era of great prosperity and growth. A very healthy spirit prevades our institution and as our roll of students increases, we hope to again take our place as one of the leading universities of the south. Of course the prosperity of the university means the prosperity of Xi and as students and

Sigs we hail this new era in our university life with great pleasure. We are situated in a small village but are near the large towns of the state, and by means of inter-collegiate athletic games and our Glee club, come in contact with the life of the state.

Our Glee club is a new feature in the university and we are all proud of the fact that its success during the first year has been due in a large measure to its efficient business manager, Bro. Howard Roudthaler, of Salem, N. C. He has reflected credit upon S. A. E. by his successful management of the club.

The *Hellinion*, our annual fraternity publication, will soon go to press and promises to be a very creditable edition. Bro. Will Kenan is our editor, and we are sure will sustain our reputation. All the fraternities here are on excellent terms, and, we are glad to say, are very prosperous. All seem to recognize that, though a certain amount of rivalry is necessary and proper, there is no need of envious jealousy or bitter hatred toward other fraternities. The almost complete disappearance of college politics has had much to do with this happy condition of affairs.

Our greatest need is a chapter house, and we have discussed many plans for securing one, but none seems altogether satisfactory. What is the best plan for raising funds for building a hall? We find some difficulty owing to the fact that we are not incorporated, and so cannot make any contract. The Zeta Psi and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternities have very neat chapter houses and it is understood that the A. T. O.s will build soon.

We have now eleven men and will lose only one by graduation in June, and hope to have the others back next fall. The following are our officers at present: H. E. Roudthaler, E. A.; W. R. Kenan, E. D. A.; J. L. Gilmer, E. R.; H. H. Atkinson, E. C. There is perfect harmony and unanimity in the chapter and our meetings are very enjoyable. With best wishes for the continued prosperity of the RECORD.

Fraternally, GEO. W. CONNOR.

Va. Pi (Sub rosa)—Emory and Henry College, Emory.

The collegiate year is drawing to a close and finds Va. Pi in a fairly prosperous condition. Our roll has not been increased during the year, but we still remain three. It is the purpose of each of us to return next term, and with an increase of three to start on, we hope to do some good work for S. A. E. during the ensuing year. Our only rival fraternity, K. S., have had a goodly number of men, owing to the fact that most of their men returned, but the result will be the opposite next term, as only two or three of their men will return. So in this respect we need not have any serious fears. We understand that the attendance upon the college will be far greater in the future than it has been, and we expect to be constantly on the alert at the opening of next session, and throughout the whole term, and if one or more strike us favorably, we will certainly reveal the mysteries of Sigdom to them. We hope that our next contribution to the RECORD will be a more encouraging one. With this short account of Va. Pi, I will say "*Auf'wider sehen.*"

D. M. SANDERS.

Tenn. Zeta—S. W. P. University, Clarksville.

Greetings and best wishes from Zeta to all sister chapters. Field day at S. W. P. U. passed off very pleasantly, and I have a few successes to chronicle for Zeta. Bro. Naylor covered himself with glory and won fresh laurels for his chapter. He was awarded three medals being the successful one in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and the contest for the running long jump. Bro. Hersman, our all-around athlete who won three prizes last year, succeeded in capturing the medal for the hammer throw. He and Mr. Ely tied in the running high jump and upon the toss up Mr. Ely won. However, I think four first prizes out of ten is a right good showing, anyway.

The most pleasant event of the season was Zeta's annual "Gas Meeting" given the evening of May 5th, at Mr. and Mrs. McKeage's. All of Zeta's alumni will know what a "gas meeting" is, and remembering the happy times they have had at

them, many I know will sigh for the return of those happy days of yore. Twenty-three couples were in attendance, and with pleasant talk and merry laughter the evening passed all too soon. Good nights were said, and all went home to think and talk about the entertainment until a still more successful one next year will have made us forget this one. Several changes will be made in our university next year. A new chancellor is to be elected, and a new chair created. This last we will be glad to see. But we all dislike very much to give up Dr. Rawlings, our present chancellor.

With a few words of praise for our energetic young E. S. A. I must close. Brothers, he is doing good work for S. A. E., and let us all support him nobly. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and keep up this grand onward march.

Fraternally,

F. R. GRAVES.

Tenn. Nu—Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Tenn. Nu sends greeting to the chapters recently established.

We think our fraternity ought to consider the establishment of Cal. Alpha a very decided addition to our national strength. We have long been anxious to hear of our colors flying in the breezes beyond the Rockies, and with this as a foothold it will be easy to enter any university we choose on the Pacific slope.

We need no better proof that the material is the best to be had than to know that Bro. Smith, late of Tenn. Omega, assisted in founding it.

Such extension as this is highly commendable and if continued in institutions of high grade we need have no fears when competing with the strongest rivals. Since it is a recognized fact that we are already the leading fraternity in the South and are practicing an extension policy which is reaching out over the fields of the North, East and West.

Athletics still continue to be a potent factor in college life

at Vanderbilt. The athletic associations have prepared grounds for the practice of field sports, at the expense of \$1,500.

Our base ball team will soon make a tour throughout the South, playing the leading college teams.

Fraternity life here, in general, bears the semblance of good feeling. Of course it is supposed that there is little "spiking" done at this time of the scholastic year, that being the leading feature of Fraternity opposition in the fall term.

Our chapter is in its usual flourishing condition with twenty members.

Whether we will gain any of the highest honors remains yet to be seen. Suffice it to say we have each year, heretofore, carried off our share of the laurels.

Since the names of our initiates for this year have not yet appeared in our letters, I beg leave to introduce to our order the following:

Oscar Peeples, T. C. Boyd, of the law school, H. H. Lyon, J. E. Buchanan of the academic, Thomas Scoggins and A. A. Rodigenz, of the engineering.

The old members of Nu congratulate themselves on being able to extend to the above named worthy gentlemen the hand of brotherly fellowship.

Bro. Dent, of Ala. Iota, is now here pursuing a course in engineering.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. CLAWSON.

Ohio Sigma—Mt. Union College, Alliance.

It is with pleasure that we send in our last chapter letter for the year, as it is the best one of them all. It will show for itself that Ohio Sigma is alive and working hard. Since you last heard from us our worthy Bro. M. B. Excell, an alumnus of this institution has been elected mayor of the city of Alliance. He is the youngest mayor in the U. S., but that is only one of our reasons for our feeling proud. As it is also an honor to have a man of such keen foresight and ability to advise and assist us in our work here. He is an able and active member

of the Democratic party, through whom he gained his election.

The chapter, assisted by the alumni, presented a very handsome book-case to the college as a memorial to our deceased brother, Elmer H. Stanley. Bro. A. A. Brown made the presentation address, at chapel this morning, May 3rd. Bro. Theodore Armstrong was also favored in the recent election by being elected to the school board of Alliance. We are now in the midst of a struggle for annual honors. The Greeks are up in arms and the barbarians are on the outskirts seeking for what they may devour. The prospects are very favorable for an entire annihilation of the Greeks who oppose S. A. E. The whole year, so far, has been one of triumph for us and we expect the good work to progress. We desire to place our hall in better shape before long, and look forward to the day when we shall have a Chapter house of our own. The necessary ground has been given to us on certain conditions, and we shall endeavor to meet the requirements. Wishing all the chapters a grand victory on commencement day, and hoping to hear of their success, I am,

Yours fraternally,

H. LINDALE SMITH.

Ohio Delta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

Ohio Delta once more sends greetings to all her sisters. We are in the midst of our spring term, the most enjoyable of the college year. Our little city with its wide, shady streets, pretty houses, cultured and refined people is almost a perfect college town.

This term brings out the tennis fiend with his blazer and racket and the ball player with battered hands.

Now may be seen the sprinter preparing for our mid-term field day on the 21st of this month.

Our chapter is fully prepared to be "in it" in everything. We now number fourteen. This is a little above the average for our college. The fraternities here are rather conservative. We have initiated several good men; men who have been wanted by other fraternities here. They are Percy Wilson,

Charles Berlin and Edward Bedford. The first named is a sophomore, the second two are freshmen.

We aim to keep our lower classes full. On the 13th of this month the fraternities give an entertainment. It is to be illustrative of fraternity life in our college. It bids fair to be a great success, as much interest is manifested in it and there will be a full house.

The only other fraternity event of the term is the fraternity picnic, given by each fraternity, separately. As our boys have good "dates" we anticipate a splendid time.

Some time ago Bro. Hansel from Allegheny college, Pennsylvania, paid us a visit. We enjoyed it much. Also Bro. Hunter, from Ann Arbor, made a flying visit on his way home from spring vacation.

Coming in touch in this way with sister chapters adds much to our interest in the general fraternity, increases the fraternal spirit and gives us an idea how the other brothers live and prosper.

It would be well for us to have a visiting committee appointed at each convention for this purpose.

There should also be province conventions now and then.

Our chapter sends most hearty greetings to her new sisters. All hail to our sister at Boston, Bro. Denton of '91 and Bro. Burger of Ohio Sigma, were the agents in its establishment. Look out for Ohio Delta to make a break by adding another good chapter to our list.

Why not have a province convention at Columbus, Ohio, sometime soon?

Brothers let us not weary in well doing, but let the good work of extension, so grandly carried on, be continued. There are many flourishing institutions in which we have no chapters, in which we should place them. Now is the time for extension and why not place S. A. E. in every worthy college in the land. We should place chapters in none but worthy institutions, but should spare no pains to plant our colors in every good one.

Yours in bonds,

W. SCOTT.

Ohio Alpha Alumnus, Alliance.

In the changing about of Methodist ministers, occasioned by the recent session of the New England Conference, held in this city, Bro. W. S. Fritch, ('86) who has been at Holyoke Mass., came to Wollaston, a suburb of Quincy, some ten miles from Boston. Your correspondent does not feel half so lonely as of yore.

Seeing the announcement of Bro. Goodrich's death in several papers, we mentioned it in our January letter. He had been given up by physicians, and in accordance therewith, his death was duly announced. But after lying at death's door for weeks, he rallied, and now comes forward asserting his intention to tread this mundane sphere for a few more years. We are glad to make this correction, if it does lay us liable to a charge of inaccuracy.

The spring election, at Alliance, is interesting to us for several reasons. Alliance is a city of ten thousand inhabitants, with a normal Republican majority of five hundred to eight hundred. Bro. M. B. Excell, ('91), a youth of 22 years, was nominated by the Democrats for mayor, and carried the city by a majority of over two hundred. Bro. Theo. Armstrong, (Rep.) was elected member of School Board by almost four hundred. Sigs get there regardless of politics.

Excell's victory recalls the fact that Bro. U. C. De Ford, ('86), was elected mayor of Carrollton, Ohio, some years ago, at about the same age. Carrollton is a smaller city and Bro. De Ford had no adverse majority to overcome; but in other respects, the cases are similar, and show that our young men of worth are recognized, even if they have just left the college halls.

The professional library of Bro. Elmer H. Stanley, formerly professor at Mt. Union and Oberlin, now deceased, has been presented to our college; the boys of Ohio Sigma, with a little aid from our members, have purchased an elegant case to hold them, and it will ever be a lasting tribute to his memory, showing the love and esteem in which he was held.

We alumni members take much interest in the work of fraternity, and we feel that we have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon the work of the year. Especially are we pleased with "Extension," and Ohio Alpha Alumnus has not yet ceased her work. We have earnest workers, and their efforts will yet bring greater success.

As the year draws to a close we begin to think of our meeting once more. And as we gather together from Louisiana and Michigan, from Massachusetts and Nebraska, we will raise a shout to make the welkin ring. We shall secure several new men, and thus increase the chapter roll of Alpha Alumnus. Can't *you* meet with us at Alliance in the latter part of July? We should make you feel a welcome which you already know exists. With kindest greetings to all our brothers, we say, "farewell" until we meet again next winter.

Boston, Mass.

Fraternally,

H. C. BURGER.

Tennessee Alpha Alumnus - Chattanooga.

The season of half ripe fruits, of sultering days, of laziness pure and undefiled, and the perennial "summer girl" is upon us.

Now is the season in which the young man hies himself to the shady banks of some sluggish creek and sits on a damp log all day, and fishes for fish that are always three pounders, those that always "slip back just as he gets to the banks." Shades of Ananias!

Affairs in fraternity circles are extremely quiet just now; it is too hot to be active. The chapter is in good condition, harmoniously wagging along.

Nothing of interest has occurred here but the convention of southern Delta Tau Delta, which was not largely attended.

The Sigs are very enthusiastic over the proposed cottage of the S. A. E. on Lookout mountain, and when the convention assembles here are determined to have a splendid guarantee to present to Bro. Peeples as an evidence of our good faith.

Lookout mountain and his beauties have to be seen to be

appreciated, but just let us remark here that it is the place of all places for a fraternity house.

There is a fine mountain stream full of fish that forms the beautiful Lula lake, right on the summit of the mountain; there are caves to explore, beautiful strolls, a magnificent hotel, at which two dances a week are given, and "Lend me thine ears"—hundreds of the prettiest girls that ever drank soda water, or wore an S. A. E. pin, for many of them have had their fair forms graced with our diamond of black and gold, and they are proud to call themselves "S. A. E. girls."

No greater inducement could be offered. The cottage is an assured success. Regards to the old chapters, the grip to the new ones, from Alpha Alumnus. Fraternally,

G. G. HARRIS.

Miss. Theta—(Sub rosa), Agricultural College, Mississippi.

It is with pleasure that we again embrace the opportunity afforded us by the RECORD to send greetings to our sister chapters and wish them "God speed" in their efforts for the continuance of all measures which tend to brighten and to broaden and to make more useful and influential our beloved order.

This has been one of Theta's most successful years. We number, at present, fifteen as true and loyal knights of the "purple and old gold" as can be found in Sigdom.

Though the circumstances under which we exist are most peculiar and unfavorable, we flatter ourselves that we are truly desirous of the general welfare of the order and as ready to labor for the advancement of S. A. E. as the strongest chapter within her domain.

Though it was impossible for Theta to have a representation at the Atlanta convention, we have read with pleasure and profit the minutes recently received.

The news of the revival and reorganization of the Mother Chapter, Alabama Mu, was most welcome to us. We note with delight every advance made by our order, which is, in reality, an *advance*, and not merely the organization of a chap-

ter which is not likely to withstand the ravages of time—the creation of an infant to fill an early grave.

In reviewing in the last RECORD the list of chapters which have constituted the organized units of S. A. E., we note with enthusiastic delight the number and strength of those now existing; but we review with pain and sadness the large number of those which, though once the most prominent, are now known as “defunct.”

It is with especial pain that we find among this number Mississippi Gamma, formerly existing at the University of Mississippi. As the university is one of the leading institutions of learning in the south, we think that no effort should be spared to effect the reorganization of Gamma. Theta is so peculiarly situated that she cannot take any open steps in the matter. Any effort which she may make will necessarily be so guarded that it may not be so productive of good results as we all would wish.

Though, brothers, most of you know that Mississippi Theta is a sub-rosa chapter, I have no idea that any of our sister chapters has the least conception of the meaning of the words “sub rosa” to us. We meet only in the most guarded and secret manner. We cannot recognize each other openly as “S. A. E.s” In fact, everything is so secret that we cannot do any of the active work which it would otherwise be our pleasure to undertake. However, we believe that we can see a faint glimmering of light through the darkness and that before many more years the members of Theta will have the honor and the pleasure of showing themselves to the world as “Sigs.” We encourage ourselves to indulge in such pleasant dreams, at any rate.

The coming year should be a memorable one for S. A. E. Everything seems to be most favorable for a great onrush in the advancement of her interests. I believe that it will be the most prosperous year that we have yet known, if the chapters will labor, not only together, but separately, for this advance.

In this great work, Theta will assume with pleasure her share of the burden.

During the next session, we would be glad to hear from more of our sister chapters than have been kind enough to write to us during the present year. It is exceedingly pleasant to us to get long newsy letters from other chapters.

With best wishes for the continuous prosperity and advancement of the order I am Fraternally,

J. S. EGGLESTON.

Texas Rho—University of Texas, Austin.

As the session is drawing to a close I know of no better way to interest the readers of the RECORD than to give them an account of chapter Rho's successes this year. We are now thirteen strong, and among them we can boast the first honor man of the academic department, the final orator of the Rusk literary society, the representative of the graduating class and the holders of two out of the seven fellowships; but above all we can boast of being fraternal—of cherishing for each other that feeling of high regard and worthy love, so necessary to enduring friendship.

We watch with pleasure the growth of S. A. E. and hope soon to see her chapters in every first-class college of the land.

Our policy with regards extension has been to oppose the granting of charters to any but worthy institutions, for we believe that nothing is so injurious to a fraternity as to enter high schools and small colleges where to keep up its membership the chapter will be forced to initiate inferior men.

Let us grow, but do not let our health be impaired by improper growth.

With fraternal greeting to all the chapters I am

Yours truly, G. W. PIERCE.

Ky. Kappa—Central University, Richmond.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I again send Kappa's greetings to her sister chapters. As the end of this scholastic year is rapidly drawing near the boys are busily engaged in preparing for the final examination. Kappa's growth this year has not been marked by any phenomenal events; but rather by a more pleasing and more promising sign—the steady and certain development of her individual members in all the departments of college and fraternity work.

Of course we have some interesting schemes now on foot, but we shall refrain from making mention of them for the present at least. The presidency of one of the literary societies is now filled by Bro. Chandler. It has always been the aim of our faculty to make the curriculum higher every year. It is understood that for the next year the greater part of the freshman work has been resigned to the senior class in the preparatory. No institution in the state can claim better courses in Latin, Greek and English than those that are offered here. Prof. Willson's place as professor in Greek, is now being ably filled by Prof. B. C. Hagermann, of Bethany college, and Prof. R. L. Pulliam. I am glad to write that nearly all of our men have secured pins, some of which are very nice indeed.

Some weeks ago Bro. Mansfield was compelled to return home on account of ill health, and will not be able to return to college this year. So, by his absence and Bro. Mourning's sad death, our former ten is now reduced to eight. Nevertheless, we expect to have a full roll next year. We are well represented in the newly organized Glee club. How anxious we all are to receive each new issue of the RECORD. We often feel our spirits lagging some, but the RECORD is always an efficient antidote. Bros. Kirby and Williams were our representatives in the "Declaimers' contest" on April 29th. Although neither were fortunate enough to win the medal, yet they acquitted themselves nobly and we were proud of them. They are both freshmen and will be better fitted for the contest next year. As this is our parting letter for the year, the boys of the Kappa

send kind wishes to all their brothers for a delightful summer vacation, and hope they will all return to their respective institutions with stronger resolves to carry the standards of S. A. E. on to greater achievements. If ever any of our brothers from a distance come to Richmond they are requested to let their presence be known to one of the Bros. Bright, Bro. F. S. Hagan, Bro. S. V. White or Bro. O. A. Kennedy, M. D. May our new sister chapters Indiana Alpha, Colorado Zeta and California Alpha ever have a prosperous career. I remain

Yours fraternally, A. MCKIBBEN.

Mo. Alpha—University of Columbia, Mo.

We are now nearing the close of our year's work and we can truly say we are proud of what we have done. Our chapter has had a larger membership this year than ever before, but unfortunately four of our men have been called away. Although our numbers are somewhat reduced we are now at work trying to place our chapter on a good footing for next year. We have four resident members and we expect two or three of the boys back, so Mo. Alpha will be in good hands for another year.

It is with great pleasure that we note the rapid extension of our order and with greater pleasure that we announce that we have helped in the good work. Last Saturday night we welcomed the infant Beta, at Washington university, into our order. Beta's men are as fine a lot of men as can be found and they are in a good place to do work for S. A. E. Now that Alpha has a sister so close to her no doubt the cause of S. A. E. will be safe in this state.

The examinations are close at hand and time is precious, so we will have to close for this time with best wishes to all "Sigs" and a hearty greeting to all of the new chapters. I am yours in the purple and old gold. S. F. CRECELIUS.

Mich. Alpha—Adrian College, Adrian.

Yesterday's mail brought us Bro. H. S. Bunting's special bulletin, detailing the grand forward movement that has been

inaugurated and so successfully carried out by those loyal Sigs, who, in the face of earthquake or fire, would be found working for the supremacy of S. A. E. The news was simply glorious. Every institution named, we believe would, upon investigation, be found worthy of S. A. E., and will support chapters that will ever be elements of strength.

It gives us especial pleasure to hear of the reorganization of our mother chapter, Alabama Mu—may she never decline. It is also gratifying to learn of the extension of our brotherhood, north. We hail the day when Sigs shall be as numerous north as south, so that we can not go amiss of them, and not be obliged, as now, to make a day's journey and a careful hunt to find one. When that day comes we hope to realize more fully than ever the benefits of the fraternity.

The long looked for minutes of the Atlanta convention were finally received. The boys have carefully read them and are of the unanimous opinion that the 35th annual convention was a working body.

We are informed that the Supreme Council has taken up the generous offer of Bro. Peebles, and are canvassing the chapters in regard to contributions. It was my good fortune to visit Lookout mountain recently, and I am convinced that no more suitable or beautiful spot could be desired for the location of our national club house. The time is ripe for such a movement and it will be a matter of regret if we permit this rare opportunity to slip from us. Let every member contribute something, and there is every assurance that we can erect a cottage that will be a credit to the fraternity, and in which we can take pardonable pride.

We recently sustained a great loss in the departure of Bro. G. A. Lazear from college. He has gone to Pittsburg, Pa., to assume the management of his father's business, during the illness of the latter. We expect him to return next year.

Bro. Henry Harrer, being obliged to resign the contest oratorship from the Star Literary Society, on account of some extra work that occupies his time completely, Bro. G. O.

Coble was elected to fill the vacancy. We have great confidence in his oratorical ability, and expect an opportunity to make the college chapel ring with the Sig yell, when the result of the contest is announced.

With the coming of spring, interest in athletics and field sports has been revived, and our boys, as usual, are leaders. Bro. H. L. Layman is captain of the B. B. team, which gives promise of being the best one that Adrian college has had for years.

The Sig tennis court is being put in a most inviting condition, and as soon as the weather becomes favorable the flannels will be donned and the "fiends" will put in a great amount of spare time in the exciting contests.

Our committee is at work arranging the details of our annual banquet. These events are among the most celebrated of commencement week and are eagerly looked forward to by the Sigs and their lady friends. We propose to eclipse our former record in this line, and have contracted with the Hotel Emery Company to give us their best service. In all probability, this will be the last letter of the scholastic year, and with a "welcome, thrice welcome" to all of our newly established chapters, and best wishes to the old ones, and a pleasant vacation to all, we await the coming of another year, which we firmly believe will be marked by unparalleled prosperity.

Yours in the bonds,

E. D. McCafferty.

Pa. Sigma Phi—Dickinson College, Carlisle.

Again Pa. Sigma Phi sends heartiest greetings to her sister chapters, while to those who have just had revealed to them the mysteries of our beloved order, she extends a warm welcome. She also greets the new officers of the order with best wishes for a successful year. Like nature about us, Sigma Phi is also full of life. At present, we number twelve men, one of them being in the law school. We occasionally have with us,

Bro. Ames, '92, who is not in college at present, but who expects to graduate with '93. We lose no men this year as we have no brothers in the class of '92. Intellectually, our men stand in the front rank. Bro. Singer, '93, will act as assistant in the chemical department next year. Bro. Morgan, '94, will enter the Belle Lettre Society sophomore contest this year and stands an excellent chance for the medal. Several of our brothers are "doing the elegant" by calling on the ladies and otherwise making themselves agreeable. We have also rented a tennis court, on the athletic field and our brothers, with their lady friends, enjoy many delightful moments playing the popular game. Work on the catalogue is progressing and with the cooperation of chapters and alumni, we expect to get out one that will be a credit and an honor to our beloved S. A. E. At present there are five general fraternities at Dickinson beside our own. They are as follows: Phi Kappa Psi, established 1859; Sigma Chi, 1859; Theta Delta Chi, 1861; Beta Theta Pi, 1874; Phi Delta Theta, 1880; and a local organization, Alpha Zeta Phi, which is endeavoring to get a charter from Psi Upsilon. A general good feeling exists between the frats. We are respected by all and are on the very best of terms with Phi Psi and Sigma Chi, the two oldest frats here. As a chapter we are trying to draw closer together in the bonds—ever keeping before us the high ideals of our order. With greetings to one and all, we are

Yours forever in the bonds,

II. W. WESTWOOD.

Iowa Sigma—Simpson College, Indianola.

Spring finds Iowa Sigma moving along quietly and steadily. Our number was reduced to eight, by four brothers failing to return. We had only counted on losing two but two others found out almost at the last minute that they could not come and so we are eight.

We would like to introduce to our brothers, one more

brother, Ambrose E. Talley, who is also president of our freshman class. We would like to tell you a little of what we are doing in school this term and what we are going to do.

First, in regard to our college battalion. We have eight men enlisted and out of these, six occupy positions as officers in the following offices: one Captain ; one Adjutant ; one Sergeant Major ; two first Sergeants and one Second Sergeant. You can see by this that our men are competent and able to fill places of trust and honor. Besides this, we hold the presidency of two classes and that of the leading Literary Society. Six of the boys are competing for commencement prizes. We have every reason to think that we will carry off three of the prizes as there is no one who seems to be equal to our contestants. On our anniversary, which will be the 25th of May, we are going to have a fine picnic. We are going with our girls, hammocks and good things to eat and will make it a day to be remembered by us. Ia. Sigma has and always will remember, with great pleasure, the day when she became one of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

We welcome with pleasure the new chapters. In less than two weeks we have five new chapters ! This is the way in which S. A. E. should work. It only shows what she *can* do, and there is no telling what she may do. Though we are disappointed that our maiden effort fell to the ground, yet we are not discouraged and will still look out for S. A. E. and her welfare. Next year is going to be the best that Ia. Sigma ever knew and we hope the same for all S. A. E. We wish our brothers a most pleasant summer's vacation.

Yours fraternally,

ERNEST V. BADLEY.

Colo. Chi—University of Colorado, Boulder.

Colorado Chi rejoices exceedingly in the present extension policy. We extend hearty congratulations to Mass. Beta Upsilon and we hope to soon welcome other chapters of the same kind.

We sincerely trust that our officers are preparing a good representation for S. A. E. at the World's Fair. No pains nor money should be spared in preparations worthy of our noble order.

We did not have the success in the state oratorical contest with which we were favored in our local contest. However, Bro. Conrad Bluhm came out a close second and represented Colorado in the Interstate Oratorical convention, at Minneapolis, on May 5th. He returned full of new ideas and a glowing account of his trip.

The closing oratorical contest of the year will be given by the Philomathean society, on May 20th. Bro. Wellington Givens is the only Sig in the field but we anticipate very satisfactory results from his work. I would say right here that a loyal pledge of S. A. E. was recently elected president of the Philomathean society for the first half of next year.

Probably the biggest social event of the year was a reception given by the Delta Gamma Sorosis, April 22nd, in the university building, the entire first floor being at their disposal. You may be sure that S. A. E. was well represented and the boys were all strictly "in it" that evening.

At a recent base ball game between the Denver university and the State university, on April 30th, we had the pleasure of meeting Bros. Bridwell and Graham, from Colorado Zeta, who are both genuine Sigs, and we spent a pleasant day with them. We all expect to return the visit soon, if not with our ball team, under very auspicious circumstances.

The minutes of the convention have been received and carefully considered. While we were not overjoyed in their slow appearance, we were somewhat disappointed in the lack of a detailed report in some of the financial departments. We will expect our secret circular to make up for this deficiency. Again is an earnest appeal made to our authorities to publish in pamphlet form, the songs now on hand so that they can be distributed to all, for they are doing no good at all where they now are lying.

Since our last letter we have pledged a third man and we say, with pride, that we now have the pick of the entire prepdom. We are still looking about for other good men and will let no opportunity pass by for pledging a good Sig.

Field Day will take place on May 20th. This is the first attempt of the university in this line and a good number have signified their intention to enter some of the exercises. Several of the Sigs have promised to enter and, no doubt, S. A. E. will be well represented.

School closes and all the commencement exercise will be over by May 27th ; so when this number of THE RECORD is published all the students will have separated and gone home. Colorado Chi closes this very successful year with seven active members. We will lose no one by graduation until next year, and with the return of Bro. Harry McGinnis, we will again begin active work, in September, with eight live men. Since our new president, President Baker, has taken his place at the head of the university of Colorado, everything has received a new impetus and school will reopen in the fall with about double the number of students now enrolled. The standard of the school has been raised, a portion of the preparatory school abolished, new departments have been added and the future outlook was never so encouraging.

Colorado Chi will keep in touch with the university and continue a live and vigorous chapter—ever awake to the interests of S. A. E. We extend the best wishes to all of our members both active and alumni, the best success to each chapter throughout Sigdom and unlimited prosperity for our fraternity at large.

Fraternally,

PAUL M. NORTH.

Colo. Zeta—University of Denver, University Park.

The faculty for the university of Denver Law School has been selected. It is composed of the leading lawyers of the state, all of whom have the special advantage of long experience in active practice.

Our chapter is deeply interested in Sigma Alpha Epsilon's extension and although our sister chapters may be as much interested as we, nevertheless, we long for the time when S. A. E. will be as firmly rooted in the West as in the East and that many chapters will be able to cooperate in enterprises where formerly there were but two.

We appreciate THE RECORD's energy and push backed by a wholesome supply of broad-mindedness and take this opportunity to congratulate the fraternity in the possession of such a journal. Our success is so largely due to THE RECORD that every effort should be made to help it, if by nothing else than by showing our esteem and appreciation.

A state organization of S. A. E. is in progress in which Colorado college will be represented. Committees have been appointed and all arrangements will soon be completed. This implies to us the probability of a new chapter in Colorado before another year.

Bro. Bluhm, of Boulder, has been to Minneapolis as delegate to the Interstate Oratorical Association, and returns with a great many new and valuable ideas. He ever keeps his eyes open in S. A. E.'s behalf.

Sigs are making themselves conspicuous in athletics, societies and prize contests; we are expecting new laurels before commencement.

As this will be our last open letter this school year we send our good wishes to our sister chapters for the success in the coming year and as we look back over our own existence we feel ourselves truly fortunate in our first year's progress, and hope, continuing thus in the future, we will each year pass many milestones towards the goal of truth.

W. L. WATERS.

New York Alpha — Cornell University, Ithaca.

Since our last communication in THE RECORD, nothing of import has occurred in New York Alpha. Our seeming quiet

by no means signifies that we are asleep—we are quietly gathering strength in order that we may have a grand opening next fall. Had not that evil destroyer of fraternity life, sickness, stepped in, Alpha, with the help of the reputation of S. A. E., at large, would have gained an enviable influence here, notwithstanding the fact that she falls behind most of the other fraternities represented at Cornell, in not owning a palatial chapter-house in which to display her magnificence to the world.

We expected to have the pleasure of introducing to the rest of Sigdom, some new warriors in that proud host of Minerva's retainers, but the time for writing to *THE RECORD* came upon us sooner than we had anticipated, so that pleasure must be deferred. We have pledged one man whose value can be best established by explaining that, ever since last fall we have been fighting a continual battle with several other fraternities for possession of him, and have recently succeeded in carrying the field in the teeth of all opposition.

Our "Billy" has shown symptoms of restlessness several times during the year, but at present he is almost unmanageable, from having been without exercise so long. Bro. Cowdrey, our last initiate, was a small man and "Billy" complains that feelings of compassion restrained him from fully satisfying his fiendish taste. Our Billy is a gentleman in every respect. We have promised him some victims soon, for we are rushing several good men vigorously and confidently expect that we may soon be able to proclaim to Sigdom, the joyful news that we have once more swelled the ranks of Minerva's conquering legions.

Fraternally,

A. C. KOENIG.

Indiana Alpha—Franklin College, Franklin.

Alpha again sends greetings to her sister chapters. We are in a very prosperous condition, and every one is striving to do all the good he can for S. A. E., in Indiana. We hope to see the purple and gold worn by other college boys, besides our own, in our state before long.

We have ten men in college at present. Bros. Howard and Johnston were not permitted to be with us this term. They will be back next year. Our prospects for next year are very flattering. Out of our twelve men we will lose but one, Bro. Berryhill, who will graduate in June.

We have a splendid young man pledged all ready for next year, who graduates from the preparatory department this year, and there are two others that we have on our intended list. We do not believe in having too many members, but want the best, so we secure them in time.

As students, our boys are among the very best—prominent in college athletics and very popular with all students, both boys and girls.

In the Freshman contest, which occurred May 2nd, Bro. Oliver received second place. Bro. Davis was awarded first place last year.

In society work our boys stand at the head. Both president and vice-president of the Athnian Literary Society, for this term are S. A. E. boys.

Our motto is "To the front and on to victory."

With best wishes to all in the bond of S. A. E., I remain,
EDKER BURTON.

*California Alpha—Leland Stanford Junior University,
Menlo Park.*

We are glad to express through THE RECORD our gratitude and thanks for the cordial welcome we have received.

California Alpha, though young, is comparatively old as we were not long in finding out what it meant to be a Sig and the benefits derived therefrom, and I assure you, my brothers, that we will do our utmost to place her on the top round in Leland Stanford Junior.

It is with no little pleasure that we introduce into the Sig world, Bro. Horace E. Williams, '92. Bro. Williams, though he may not be with us long, is as loyal to S. A. E. as the rest of us.

Rapid steps are being taken towards our chapter house, and it is safe to say that by the beginning of next year we will be in one of the nicest homes in L. S. J. U.

After defeating them in foot-ball, we won a game of baseball from the U. C's.—13 to 6. We have two men on the team and it is needless to say that they have the best record of fielding and batting.

After thanking the many chapters for their glorious greeting I will close this our first letter. With good luck and rapid progress to all, I am,

Yours fraternally,

HARRY J. COX.

Mass. Beta-Upsilon—Boston University, Boston.

We of the Beta-Upsilon rejoice with our brother Sigs in the grand conquest in planting the banner of the S. A. E. Fraternity in the heart of the New England States, in Boston, the hub of the universe. And Bros. we assure you that Beta-Upsilon will soon be the hub of a New England Sigdom, with spokes radiating to all the prominent educational institutions of this section.

To H. C. Burger and G. K. Denton, two noble, western Sigs, is due the credit of Beta-Upsilon's existence. The Initiatory Banquet, at the Parker House, was a brilliant affair. The purple and gold vied with the delicacies of the season for supremacy; and not till the blue mist of the Havana began to ascend, did the purple and gold gain our complete control and show her fraternal spirit in the unanimous election of the following officers: H. C. Burger, E. A.; C. C. Long, E. D. A.; G. A. Moore, E. Correspondent, Coolidge St., Brookline, Mass.; G. K. Denton, E. T.; J. McKnight, E. R.; P. B. Lloyd, E. W.; C. J. Bailey, E. H.; J. E. Maginis, E. Chron.

Already there is talk of a Chapter House to be opened next fall, and to this end we intend to make a thorough canvas of the departments as soon as the fall term opens, and if possible, increase our members to twenty-five.

As a University Chapter embracing all the departments, Beta-Upsilon is sure to be a success and will soon stand head and shoulders above the other Fraternities, representing as they do only single departments. Long live the S. A. E.

GEORGE ALBERT MOORE.

PERSONALS.

Bro. Hugh Taylor, Ala. *A M* '89, holds a responsible position in the engineering corps of one of the principal railroads of Mexico.

Bro. J. J. Wilmore, Ala. *A M*, is director of the Mechanic Arts Laboratory, A. and M. College, Auburn, Ala.

Bro. B. A. Blakey, Ala. *A M* '87, is in charge of the wood working department in the same laboratory.

Bro. B. H. Crenshaw, Ala. *A M* '89, is taking the electrical engineering course at his Alma Mater. He is an instructor in the Mechanic Arts department.

Bro. W. A. Marshall, Ala. *A M*, is taking a Post Graduate course this year and is assistant librarian.

Bro. J. C. Kimball, Ala. *A M* '91, is taking the law course, at the university of Ga.

Bro. J. C. Street, Ala. *A M* '80, is merchandising at Bluff Springs, Ala.

Bro. Walter D. Dunlap, Ala. *A M* '89, is a stenographer in Selma, Ala.

Bro. W. G. Harrison, Ala. *A M* '90, has been tendered the chair of anatomy, in the Alabama School of Dental Surgery, Bridgeport, Ala.

Bro. Chas. I. Mell, Ala. *A M* '87, is manager of the Alliance Warehouse, the largest of ten warehouses in Athens, Ga.

Bro. G. A. Lazear, Mich. *A*, has accepted a responsible business position in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bro. Newton E. Swift, Mich. *A*, will go to Boston, Mass., in September, to pursue his musical studies in the New England Conservatory of Music, and take some literary work in the University of Boston, thus reenforcing Mass. *B Y*.

Bro. Gurley O. Coble, Mich. *A*, will be engaged in teaching in North Carolina, the coming year.

Bro. Theodore Wentz, Mich. A, is conducting a successful banking business, at Canal Dover, Ohio.

Bro. Frank E. Priddy, Mich. A, will be admitted to the bar in June.

Bros. G. M. Harton and H. C. Rorick, Mich. A, who have been connected with the Law department of the University of Michigan for the past two years, will be graduated in June.

Bro. J. F. Cowan, Mich. A, a brother of Editor Cowan, is gaining a great reputation as an author, having recently published three books that are immensely popular and deservedly so. They are entitled, "The Jo-Boat Boys," "Pony Expressmen" and "The Mother of the King's Children."

Bro. Fred G. Cadwell, Mich. A, a student at the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, has been engaged to fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Petersburg, Mich., during vacation.

Bro. H. R. Lowrie, Mich. A '85, is at Detroit, Mich., engaged in writing the biography of Gen. Russel Alger, for the American Press Association.

Bro. R. F. Dale, Mich. A who has always been regarded as an unassailable bachelor, has at last fallen before the arrows of Cupid and joined the benedicts. He is located at Daleville, Pa.

Bro. Jas. L. Irwin, Mich. A, of Pittsburg, Pa., has been elected to an important office by the Junior Order of American Mechanics, of which he is a member.

Bro. C. D. Wightman, Mich. A '89, of Medina, O., has been weighing mail on the P. Ft. W. & C. Railway, between Crestline and Pittsburg for the past month, and was a pleasant caller at THE RECORD sanctum.

Bro. M. L. Barr, Ohio A '91, is professor of Greek and German in McKendrie College, Ill.

Bro. B. A. Dunbar, Ohio A '91, is professor of Greek and Latin in Hillsboro College, Ohio.

Bro. W. Winters, Ohio A '91, is pastor of First M. E. Church at Andover, Ohio.

Bro. Geo. Denton, Ohio J '91, is taking his law course in Boston University.

Bro. C. H. Ball, Ohio J '91, is studying medicine at St. Paul, Minn.

Bro. Plumb, Ohio J '90, is principal of the high school at Bucyrus, Ohio.

Bro. Patton, Ohio J '90, is studying theology at Northwestern University.

Bro. R. L. Marimon, Ky. K '84, is now editing with success the "*Harrodsburg Sayings*."

Bro. C. H. Dobbs, Jr., Ky. K '90, is pursuing his theological course at Union Theological Seminary, and will graduate with the class of '93.

Bro. W. R. Welch, Ky. K '84, formerly Consular Agent of U. S. to Paris, France, and to Ontario, Canada, is practicing law in Nicholasville, Ky.

Bro. A. H. Eller, N. C. A is a prosperous young lawyer at Winston, N. C., and always takes pleasure in showing courtesies to S. A. E's., whose good fortune it is to be in that growing city. His law partner is another good Sig, Bro. H. R. Storback.

Bro. R. G. Vaughn, N. C. A, is a successful business man at Greensboro, N. C. He and Bro. Bowman Gray, of Winston, promise to be bank presidents some day.

Bro. J. D. Bellamy, Jr., 3rd, N. C. A is making an enviable reputation in his profession, at Wilmington, N. C.

Bro. Walter M. Curtis, N. C. A who is now in the N. C. Conference is a young minister much beloved by his congregation in Forsythe County, N. C.

Bro. A. P. Branch, N. C. A, is assistant cashier in the bank of Branch & Co., Wilson, N. C.

Bro. J. M. Morehead, N. C. A, is secretary and treasurer of an aluminium company, at Leaksville, N. C.

Bro. J. M. Fleming, N. C. A, is deputy warden of the North Carolina penitentiary.

Bro. Russell Bellamy M. D., N. C. A, has graduated from

Bellevue, N. Y., and is one of the first men of his class, having received a fine appointment in the hospital.

Bro. Cladius Dockery, N. C. X, is Vice Consul at Rio Janero, Brazil.

Bro. George Ransom, N. C. X, is now private secretary of Senator Matt Ransom, of North Carolina.

Bros. M. L. John and Jno. S. Hill, of N. C. X, are now studying law at the University of N. C., and Bro. John is president of his class.

Bro. G. B. Patterson, charter member of N. C. X, is practicing law at Maxton, N. C.

Bro. Robert Gibson, Jr., Tenn. Q, one of the hustling Sigs of three years ago, has been pursuing the law course at Columbia, and graduates this month. He is already associated with Sullivan and Cromwell, 46 Wall St., a noted firm of New York.

Bro. Archidald Yell, Tenn. A, has removed from Ukiah, Cal., and is now to be found in his law office in the *Chronicle* building, corner of Geary and Market sts., San Francisco.

Bro. Wm. Chambers Morrow, Ala. B B, formerly of San Jose, Cal., one of the foremost authors of the Pacific coast, is now attending to the literary department of the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. His office is at the corner of Fourth and Townsend sts., San Francisco. His zeal for S. A. E. is still strong and lasting.

Bro. F. A. Collins, Penn. Q, is attending the United Presbyterian Seminary, Allegheny, Pa.

Bros. S. A. and J. F. Kirkbride, Ohio S, were graduated from the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., on May 5th.

Bro. T. C. Cook, Ala. M, is the leading surgeon of Weimar, Tex.

Bro. G. R. Bell, La. Z, '87, resides in St. Louis.

Bro. Chas. W. Allen, Tenn. K, is located in Greenville, Tenn.

Bro. R. M. Ogilvie, La. Z, '88, is railroading, with headquarters in St. Louis.

Bro. Guy Varney, Mich. A, '89, is interested in a prosperous book store, Manhattan, Kan.

Bro. H. M. Stephens, Mo. A, is practicing law in Spokane, Wash.

Bro. D. P. Adams, Tenn. V '76, is engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, at Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. J. G. Overmeyer, Ohio E, is one of Cincinnati's prominent young attorneys.

Bro. W. M. Bunting, Tenn Z '88, is editor of the *Herald*, Florence, Ala. He always has a word of encouragement for THE RECORD.

Bro. Geo. H. Moffett, is a member of the law firm of Fitzsimmons & Moffett, Charleston, S. C.

Bro. E. G. Seibels, S. C. J '84, is general agent for the Caledonian Ins. Co., of Scotland, at Columbia, S. C.

Bro. Grover Walker, Ky. A, is cashier of the Sheridan County Bank, Hoxie, Kan.

Bro. A. J. Crovatt, N. C. P P '79, Brunswick, Ga., is judge of the Glynn County Court.

Bro. H. S. Murdock, Tenn H, now attending Colorado college, had the pleasure of meeting the members of Colo. V and Colo. Z, at the recent state oratorical contest. The Sigs at the contest arranged to organize a state association of S. A. E.

T. G. Welsh, Ohio Z '88, is reading law at his home in Deersville, Ohio.

Bro. E. L. Cross, Pa. Z P '91, is professor of Latin in the Wilmington Conference academy, and is meeting with great success as a teacher. The academy is located at Dover, Del.

On Feb. 24, at the residence of Col. F. G. Sheppard, Birmingham, Ala., Bro. Chas. A. Jones, Ala. I, was married to Miss Lena Sheppard. Bro. C. A. Rush, Ala. I, the groom's uncle, officiated. The newly married couple left on a bridal tour to Mobile, Pensacola and other southern points. Bro.

Jones is the well known and popular Secretary of the Wood-Dryer Grocery Company. He and his fair bride are two of the best liked young persons in the city. They were overwhelmed with numerous and costly presents.

On Wednesday, 23rd inst., at high noon at the residence of Mrs. E. Martin, Miss May W. Lucas, of this place and Dr. A. Mack, of Fort Mills, S. C., were united in the bonds of wedlock. A goodly company of friends were gathered to witness the happy union. With blinds closed and curtains drawn, the glimmer of many candles threw a mellow glow over the scene, as when

" The tender twilight with a crimson cheek,
Leans on the heart of eve. "

A few minutes after the clock had told the hour of noon, the bridal party was announced. The happy pair walked between the lines of fair faces to the spot where the mother and grandmother of the bride had been made brides. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Mack, brother of the groom, in his own inimitable style. In the short preliminary address and prayer, gems of thought and feeling sparkled in every utterance. They were pronounced man and wife and turned to receive the congratulations and farewells of the friends present. It was a bright and happy occasion, but not without a tinge of sadness, and in some eyes could be seen a gleam of joy kindled by the new found bliss of the wedded pair ; but it shone through a mist of sadness that resembled sorrow as the mist resembled rain. Mrs. Mack was a noble christian character ; her influence and untiring and unselfish zeal will be much missed here and will be a rich acquisition to the community to which she goes. May the blessing of Heaven follow and abide with them.—Washington, (N. C.) *Progress*.

Bro. D. A. Mack joined N. C. / in '83 and is now one of Fort Mills' leading physician.

EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

Under this head we shall not attempt an exhaustive review of our exchanges but merely to glean from them such thoughts and sayings as we think will be of most value and interest to our own fraternity.

The March *Θ J X Shield* contains an account of the official visit of the president of the Grand Lodge to various chapters. Such a practice, while desirable, is only practicable in a fraternity whose chapters are all in a limited extent of territory as are those of *Θ J X*. This fraternity has been quite conservative in the matter of extension, but the great onward movement now being participated in by several fraternities is beginning to find an echo, in her journal even, and one writer exclaims:

"Shall territorial limits and such restrictions be imposed upon our fraternity which was destined by its founders to be universal—to be national—to be American? Most emphatically, No! May the time speedily come when the "Theta Delta Chi" anthem shall be heard in every typical American college and university from the shores of the Atlantic to the land of the setting sun!"

"What is a debt"? is ably handled, and closes with this good advice:

"Follow the rigid rules which prevail in commercial transactions. Meet your obligations manfully and promptly. If you have any doubt of your ability to pay as agreed, don't contract the debt. Let this be a part of your college education. Never make any promise which you cannot perform in strict accordance with the understanding entered into."

A debt to one's fraternity is not a matter of charity, as some seem to suppose, but it is a moral and legal obligation which one is just as much in honor bound to pay as his board and tuition bills, and anyone who neglects to pay such dues is unworthy of membership in an order that places honor and integrity among its cardinal virtues.

The *Shield* has discarded advertisements, claiming that a fraternity journal should be supported only by fraternity money. We fail to see the force of this reasoning and do not anticipate

that editor Holmes will make many converts to his new theory, although THE RECORD could drop its advertisements without much financial loss. The great magazines will hardly drop their advertisements on the plea that their sole revenue should come from literature and science to which they are devoted. On the contrary the pages devoted to advertisements are continually increasing. A fraternity publication is more than an organ, it is a business venture and as such, should be so conducted as to bring the highest returns, financial and otherwise, to the society it represents.

In spite of K. A's decision not to cross the imaginary line separating North and South, there are those within her borders who are looking for new worlds to conquer, as soon as they get "good and ready." A contributor in the February *Journal* says:

"Ere another quarter century has passed we must enlarge our boundary lines. Before making an encroachment upon the territory of well organized and wealthy fraternities, North and East, we must become well organized at home."

The same writer says of *sub rosa* chapters:

"The policy of supporting *sub rosa* chapters is not, to say the least, highly honorable. With such chapters we ask new matriculates to break a pledge scarcely yet signed, and then, as if in mockery, we pretend to teach to them the glories of truth and honor."

Editorially, the *Journal* puts a damper on the idea to establish a K. A. headquarters at the columbian exposition.

The *Anchora* gives some very sensible advice to the girls of *J I* in regard to making friends outside of their own circle.

"Make friends with the girls outside of Delta Gamma. It is narrowness, not loyalty, to think there are no desirable acquaintances outside the fraternity circle. Let others see that Delta Gamma makes her members more gentle and gracious, more thoughtful and considerate, broader and better, and it will help in no small degree to silence the voices that now vehemently oppose the fraternity system."

The April *Ψ I Θ Scroll* suggests, "That the next time you are planning for a Reunion * * * that you elect a song writer, whose duty it shall be to present a Phi song for the occasion. * * * These productions can be sent to the *Scroll*, in

whose pages they are preserved for the use of future song-book editors." The *June Scroll* will contain an article on the "Northern and Eastern Extension of Southern Fraternities," a subject that seems to be agitating some of our exchanges considerably.

The *Φ K Ψ Shield* gives a number of plans for building a chapter house. The following two seem the most practicable:

"A Board of Trustees, chosen from the alumni, will have entire charge of all money sent in, and see that it is properly invested. This board consists of nine alumni, three of whom will be elected each commencement by the undergraduates and alumni present. Their full term of office will thus be three years. Three trustees, at least, are to be resident members. The board will meet semi-annually, or oftener if they see fit.

"Now, how do we expect to raise our money? Not having any wealthy alumnus who could build us a house, should he so desire, we must rely upon a general response for small amounts. To each alumnus has been sent a circular letter explaining our plan, and also a note to be filled out. These notes may be filled out to any amount that the alumnus may feel able to give, but no note will be received for less than fifty dollars. These notes are payable in five equal annual installments. Of course, if desired, the entire amount may be paid at once, and it is so much the better for the funds. The time of first payment is left to the signer. On receipt of each payment the amount is indorsed upon the back of the note, and a receipt therefor is sent to the sender. This money will be invested as the trustees may direct, and so that it will draw good interest. Probably a building association is the best investment. For instance, here in Delaware our building associations pay 8 per cent. upon all deposits. Notes sent in by two thirds of our alumni, for our minimum amount (fifty dollars), would yield at least twelve thousand dollars in five years. We request every man on leaving the chapter to give his note for fifty dollars, for everybody can pay ten dollars a year. We do not purpose taking any active steps towards building a house until we have the money to pay for it. One or two from other chapters have suggested that the money be borrowed from a building association, and the house erected immediately, but it seems best to us to wait until we realize on our notes, even if it does take longer."

The other plan lays the burden more on the active members.

"Here is my scheme in the rough. We need a chapter-house in my alma mater and we need it now, which will completely house the boys, where they can room, board, study, have chapter meeting, etc. Basement story may contain kitchen and store-rooms. First floor: dining room, reception-room, parlor and two study-rooms for upper class men. Second floor, dormitory on alcove system for sixteen men, two study-rooms for freshmen and sophomores respectively, closets and baths. Third floor, lodge room. A good, plain house,

such as is exactly suited to the needs of the boys of our chapter can be secured for \$5,000. I find that these boys pay to the college for room rent and wear and tear, \$1,020, which with \$80 hall rent, makes the net annual outlay of \$1,100. I find too, that by actual experience, our fellows can save by boarding together \$800 a year over the prices they ordinarily pay for table board. This makes in all an annual expenditure by my chapter of \$1,960. Our few alumni, if the boys will go into a house, will gladly give a bonus to them of several hundred dollars. Here is more than \$2,600 a year diverted into the coffers of the chapter which now goes elsewhere. Allow \$500 a year for insurance, taxes and repairs, \$300 for interest, and \$1,200 is left to pay on the principal, which is lessening every year, so that in less than five years the house will be paid for. Let the trustees of the chapter buy the house at, say \$5,000, issue fifty \$100 bonds bearing 6 per cent. If the bonds are not all taken up by the active membership, put a mortgage for the balance on the house, to be paid off first. The bonds may be issued in series of five, four and three years, selling the five-year first, then the four-year, then the three-year. This plan secures the house at once. It is paid for by the men who use it. Their independence and self-reliance are brought at once into play, and such evidence of practical activity will discount all the schemes yet proposed to secure the allegiance of the alumni."

The April *Φ Γ Ψ Quarterly* tells how the *Φ Γ Ψ* house was built at Pa. State college ;

"With approved security, ten bonds, bearing interest were issued. One bond was to be redeemed each year. Each bond represented an equal share of the whole amount advanced. This scheme secured the necessary funds, and on such terms as to make it easily possible to meet each payment as it would fall due. Thus, by easy stages, each year the amount of indebtedness would decrease and at the same time the amount bearing interest was diminishing. * * * One of the first things done by the chapter was to appoint a sort of Ways and Means committee, whose duty it was to devise some method by which sufficient revenue could be collected to meet the yearly dues. The scheme devised and afterwards adopted was as follows: In the first place, the house contains thirteen rooms. Now the Fraternity was to consider itself as three distinct bodies, i. e., the Fraternity proper, a boarding club, and those living in the rooms, as renters or tenants. The Fraternity should consider as belonging exclusively to itself, and should pay rent for the parlor and library. The boarding club would be responsible for the equipment and rental of the dining room, kitchen and two upper rooms, which were intended for the use of a housekeeper. This left seven rooms to be rented to the members of the Fraternity. * * * In making out the sum total of our yearly expenses, we try to make our assessments just about equal to what it costs the nonfraternity man to live in the dormitories and to board at the better grade of clubs."

In speaking of extension the *Quarterly's* editor makes this confession:

"Compactness, rather than diffusion, must be the *sine qua non* of further extension. Pre-emption in the East, as well as our lamentable failures in the extreme South preclude these provinces from our territory."

This may account for the editor's frequently exhibited ire at the successful northern extension of southern fraternities.

GREEK GOSSIP.

Congress has given \$65,000 to William and Mary college, the birth-place of American college fraternities.

At the recent Pan Hellenic banquet, held in Toledo, O., $\Sigma \Pi E$ was ably represented by Bro. U. A. Clark, of New York A.

The "senior ten," at Allegheny college, appointed by the faculty to represent the senior class on commencement day, is composed of two $\Sigma \Pi E$'s, one $\Lambda T \Lambda$, one $K \Lambda \Theta$, two $K K I$'s and four barbs. The fraternities in college not represented are $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ and $\Phi I \Lambda$. $\Sigma \Lambda$ has gone into the honorary membership business. Two of the charter members of her Cornell chapter were instructors in that institution, and now her Ann Arbor chapter has initiated ex-President Grover Cleveland, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon has elevated herself from an outside stand-point by moving into a very nice chapter home, previously occupied by Delta Tau Delta. [*Allegheny Cor. \Phi K \Psi Shield*.

A meeting is to be held in Chicago this week for the purpose of effecting a league for foot ball, base ball, and track athletics between the State Universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Northwestern. If the plan is carried out it will make a strong league, and will give an impetus to inter-collegiate athletics in the northwest. [*Northwestern Cor. \Phi K \Psi Shield*.

One-third of the university students of Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired in college, one-third die prematurely from the effect of close confinement at their studies, and the other third govern Europe. [*Guizot*.

The college men of the United States are but a small fraction of one per cent. of the voters, yet they hold fifty-eight per

cent. of the highest offices. This alone for aspirants to office should be a conclusive argument in favor of college study.—[*The College-Man*.

The faculty of the University of Wisconsin have abolished examinations and all excuses for absense except when class standing is below 85 per cent. or absences more than 10 per cent.—[*Θ J X Shield*.

Θ J X has adopted a uniform size of badge, and an official steel plate for use in collegean annuals.

Θ J X has had eight applications for charters since her last convention and news of a new chapter or two need surprise no one.

The last issue of the *Θ J X Shield* is what the editor calls a "nondescript conglomeration." Give us some more of them.

J K E has adopted a pin of uniform shape and size.

H K A has established a chapter at Washington and Lee.

A T Q has organized an alumnus association in Chicago.

Theta Nu Epsilon depredations are frequent now. The timid shrink at the sound of the awful name, like the British "when Marion's name was told." After dark, about the campus, one cannot tell whether the law of gravitation is reversed or not. Would that some law of decency and respect might govern this most detested order.

Quite an amusing sort of things exist here in the J T J fraternity from the fact of its discrimination as to whom it initiates. At their annual "pow-wow," held a few weeks ago, three men, who were neither attendants at college and who had probably never been there, responded to toasts and now wear the badge of J T J. This seems rediculous but nevertheless is true. Their chapter having dwindled down to three men this year, most anything is resorted to to keep their once proud banner afloat.—[*Allegheny Cor. Φ K Ψ Shield*.

An English professor, at De Pauw has organized a cricket club, and famous English sports may become Americanized, through our colleges as foot ball has already been.

Sioux Falls, S. D., has a large Pan-Hellenic society.

A J Φ has entered the U. of Minn.

The *Σ Α* chapter, at the U of Kan., has initiated three town fellows in order to keep up its membership.

Σ Α has organized a chapter at the U of Cal.

The Inter-Collegiate Regatta will be held at Ithaca, N. Y., in June, on Cayuga Lake, under the auspices of the Cornell Navy. The U. of Pennsylvania will be represented by two crews—a Varsity and a Freshman—but Columbia may send only one.

The *Σ Φ*'s, at Cornell, are furnishing their elegant new house on the campus. They will hold a reception as soon as it is ready for occupation.

The Inter-fraternity tennis tournament and the games of the Star League Base Ball Club (also inter-frat.) are attracting much interest at Cornell.

Cornell has provided for a regular course of summer instruction, similar to that of Harvard and other universities.

EDITORIAL POST SCRIPTS.

Chapter letters were received from Ky. I, Tenn. I, and one of a later date than the one used, from N. C. A too late for publication in this issue.

On May 13, Bro. S. M. Rinehart, of Pittsburg, Pa., assisted by the writer, instituted Pa. I Z, at Pennsylvania State College in accordance with instructions from the E. S. A. The initiatory exercises were concluded with a "feed" which was heartily partaken of by the seven charter members, a pledged man, and the visiting brothers.

We were expecting to meet a fine lot of fellows, nor were we disappointed. Their manly faces and hospitable treatment completely won our hearts. We pledge our word Σ I E's interests are in safe hands at Pa. State College. The literary editor of their college paper, an editor of '93's annual, an officer of the cadet corps and two members of the college nine, are among the new Sigs. Lack of space forbids further mention at present but in our next issue we shall give a more extended account of the chapter and institution. The names of the new brothers are as follows: Sidney Krumrine, '93; Will H. Rebhun, '94; Jas. F. Patrick, '94; P. B. Brenman, '94; H. L. Wishart, '95; R. S. Moore, '95; J. I. Robinson, '95; and F. A. Robinson, '96 pledged.

Bro. Jas. F. Patrick is E. C. Send him a word of greeting at once.



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 Ala. Mu..... University of Alabama..... Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 " Iota..... Southern University..... Greensboro, Ala.
 " Alpha Mu..... Ala. A. & M. College..... Auburn, Ala.
 " Mu Alumnus..... Montgomery, Ala.

PROVINCE B.

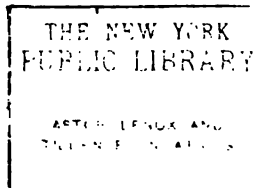
S. C. Delta (G. C.)..... South Carolina College..... Columbia, S. C.
 " Gamma..... Wofford College..... Spartanburg, S. C.
 " Phi..... Furman University..... Greenville, S. C.
 " Mu..... Erskine College..... Due West, S. C.
 " Eta Alumnus..... Honea Path S. C.
 N. C. Theta..... Davidson College..... Davidson, N. C.
 " Xi..... University of N. C..... Chapel Hill, N. C.
 " Theta Alumnus..... Charlotte, N. C.
 Va. Omicron..... University of Virginia..... University of Va.
 " Pi (sub rosa)..... Emory and Henry Col..... Emory Va.
 " Sigma..... Wash. & Lee University..... Lexington, Va.

PROVINCE C.

Tenn. Omega (G. C.)..... University of the South..... Sewanee, Tenn.
 " Zeta..... S. W. Presbyterian University..... Clarksville, Tenn.
 " Lambda..... Cumberland University..... Lebanon, Tenn.
 " Eta..... S. W. Baptist University..... Jackson Tenn.
 " Nu..... Vanderbilt University..... Nashville, Tenn.
 " Kappa..... University of Tennessee..... Knoxville, Tenn.
 " Alpha Alumnus..... Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Miss. Gamma..... University of Mississippi..... Oxford, Miss.
 " Theta (sub rosa)..... Agricultural College..... Miss.
 " Theta Alumnus..... Starkville, Miss.
 " Gamma Alumnus..... Meridian, Miss.
 Texas Rho..... University of Texas..... Austin, Tex.

PROVINCE D.

Ohio Sigma (G. C.)..... Mt. Union College..... Alliance, Ohio.
 " Delta..... Ohio Wesleyan University..... Delaware, Ohio.
 " Epsilon..... University of Cincinnati..... Cincinnati, Ohio.
 " Theta..... Ohio State University..... Columbus, O.
 " Alpha Alumnus..... Alliance, Ohio.
 Ky. Iota..... Bethel college..... Russellville, Ky.
 " Kappa..... Central University..... Richmond, Ky.
 " Alpha Beta Alumnus..... Nicholasville, Ky.
 Mo. Alpha..... University of Missouri..... Columbia, Mo.
 " Beta..... Washington University..... St. Louis, Mo.
 Mich. Alpha..... Adrian College..... Adrian Michigan.
 " Iota Beta..... University of Michigan..... Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Pa. Omega..... Alleghany College..... Meadville, Pa.
 " Sigma Phi..... Dickinson College..... Carlisle, Pa.
 " Alpha Zeta..... Pa. State College..... State College, Pa.
 Iowa Sigma..... Simpson College..... Indianola, Iowa.
 New York Alpha..... Cornell University..... Ithaca, N. Y.
 Colo. Chi..... University of Colorado..... Boulder, Colo.
 " Zeta..... University of Denver..... University Park, Colo.
 Ind. Alpha..... Franklin College..... Franklin, Ind.
 Cal. Alpha..... Leland Stanford Jr. Univ..... M nio Park, Cal.
 Mass. Beta Upsilon..... Boston University..... Boston, Mass.





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ACROSTIC.

Shrouded in a mystic veil,
In its magic we prevail;
Guided by an unseen hand
Members of a valiant band,—
Argives seeking wisdom.

Altars in our temples rise
Lifting incense to the skies;
Praying hearts with it ascend
Honored devotees now bend
At the shrine of wisdom.

Ever let Love's anthem roll,
Pressing to a higher goal;
Striving for the truth and right,
Idolize fair Freedom's light,
Live for one another's good
Oh, most noble Brotherhood,
Near the shrine of wisdom.

Denver University, Colo. Zeta.

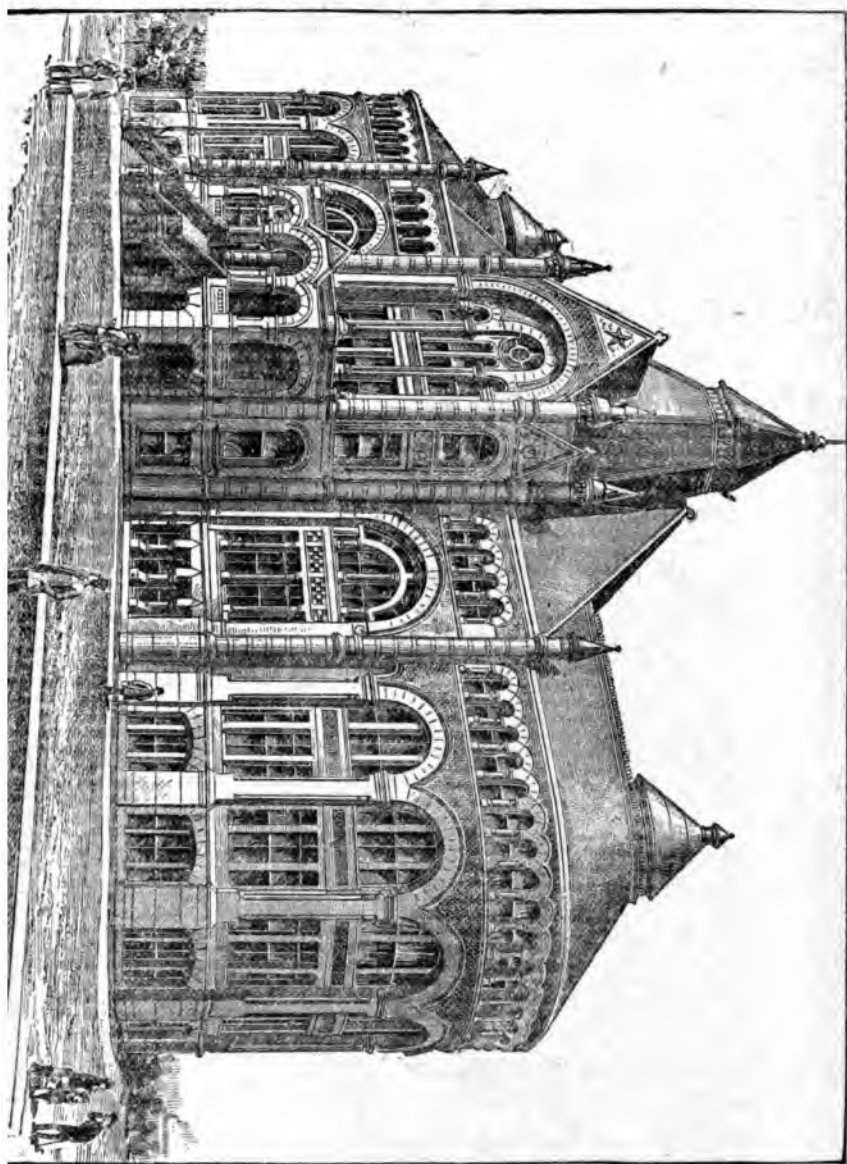
—FRANK C. SCHOFIELD.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

“To the honor of those who founded the state of Texas, be it said, the idea of a University for the promotion of the arts and sciences was no afterthought. It was part of the very organized foundation of our state itself, incorporated from the first into its very life, and vitalizing its best hopes for the future. In holding fast to the University with the same tenacity as to the common school, we are but carrying out a policy conceived and born with the state itself. Our heroes knew that the lower is dependent on the higher education. ‘Elevating educational influences, like the showers, come from above and not below.’”

As far back as the days of Mexican rule, when Texas was part of the great wild west, the men who had found a home within the borders felt the need of educational training. The neglect of Mexico in providing for a suitable school system was by no means the least among the causes that led to the Texas Revolution. This grievance was recited in strong terms in the Declaration of Independance of March 2, 1836, and the first constitution of the state provided that a general system of education should be established as soon as it became possible. In January, 1839, when congress provided for the location of the seat of government at Austin, a square of forty acres covered with a beautiful grove of live oaks was set aside for the establishment of a University. At the same session fifty leagues of the choicest lands in the state were appropriated for the endowment of an institution of the highest grade. From this time till 1881, various acts of the Legislature gave the University:

- (1.) \$100,000 in U. S. bonds.
 - (2.) Another fifty leagues of land.
 - (3.) Every tenth section of all lands appropriated to railroads or set aside for the use of the state.
 - (4.) By the constitution of 1866, 1,000,000 acres of land.
- In 1881 a vote of the people located the Academic and Law



Departments at Austin and work was begun on the buildings. In 1882 the institution was formally opened.

Since that time the University of Texas has been steadily gaining strength both in faculty and in equipment and is now fast overcoming the prejudice and jealousy which at one time constituted its most formidable opposition. For some time the best interests of the institution were crippled by a hostile legislature and by the inadequate power of the Regents, but happily those days are now past. The last two legislatures have been extremely friendly and from this source and from donations by the people of Texas, the University has been able to erect buildings within the last three years to the value of \$300,000. It may be well to mention some of these.

(1.) The central part of the main building was completed in the fall of '89 at a cost of \$75,000. This building contains one of the finest assembly halls in the south.

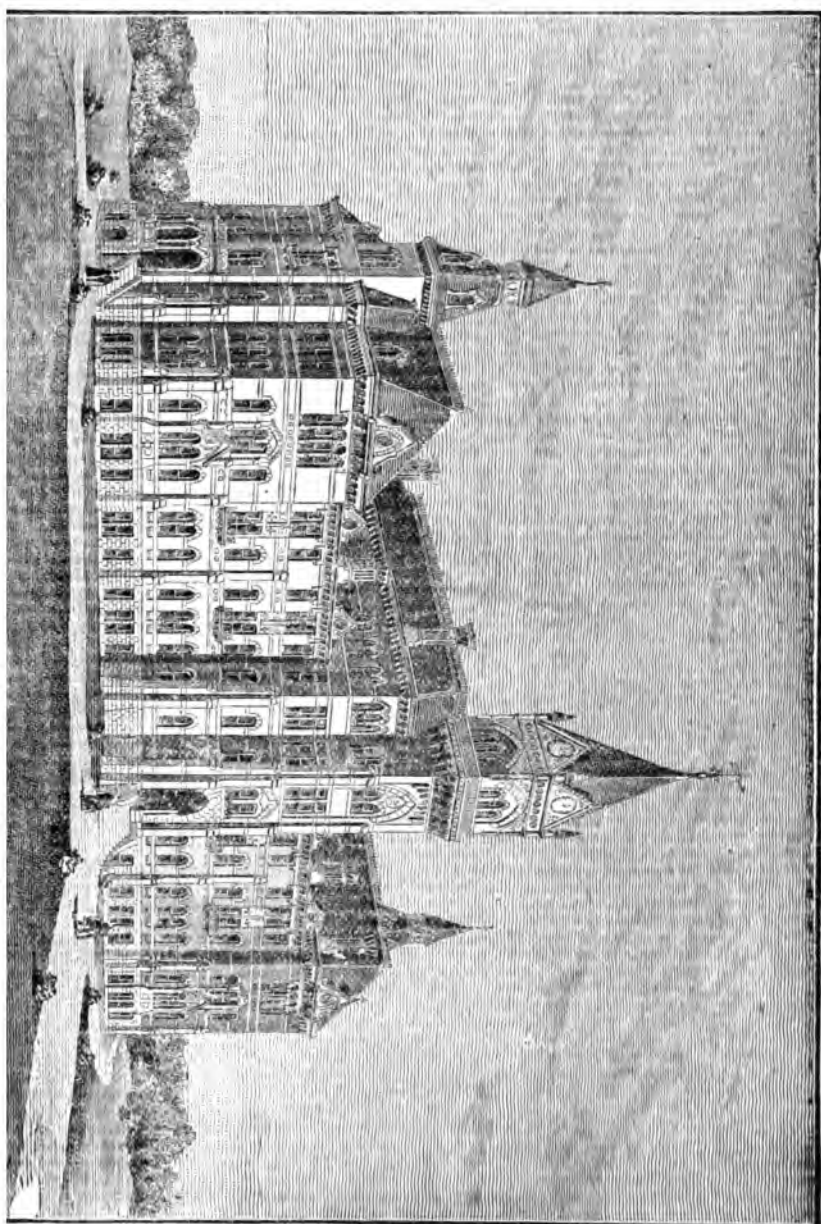
(2.) The medical department building, a beautiful and well-equipped structure located at Galveston, was completed in August, '91, costing \$125,000. This department was opened in October of last year with a full faculty and under the most promising auspices.

(3.) The John Sealy hospital, one of the best equipped buildings of its kind in the state, was donated to the University by the city of Galveston in 1890.

(4.) The generosity of Mr. Geo. W. Brackenridge, of San Antonio, Texas, solved the question of cheap board by the erection in 1890 of an elegant 24 room dormitory, costing \$17,000. Brackenridge Hall is operated on the restaurant plan, accommodates 48 roomers, boards about 85 students and is as well conducted as a first-class hotel.

(5.) A splendid and beautiful little building to be used as a chemical laboratory was completed at the beginning of the present year, costing \$25,000.

Besides appropriations for these buildings, the last legislature made liberal provision for running expenses, library and heating plant.



In the Department of Arts, Literature and Science, three regular courses and six special courses are offered, all leading to one of the degrees, B. S., B. A. or B. Lit. In the departments of Law and Medicine such courses are offered as are usually found in institutions of high grade. The faculty at present consists of 36 members all of whom are men of high attainments. The revenue of the institution is drawn from the princely endowment of nearly 2,000,000 acres of land, from land rates and from bonds and leases, amounting altogether to about \$65,000 per annum, besides the regular appropriation from the legislature. The institution is under the government of a board of regents, who select the faculty and manage the finances and general business. The total attendance last year was 388.

Within a very short time after the opening of the University of Texas, its high standing brought it under the notice of the Greek Letter Societies. Phi Delta Theta came first, followed rapidly by Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu and Beta Theta Pi. Kappa Alpha secured very little hold upon the Academic Department and soon surrendered its charter as did Sigma Chi. In 1889 S. A. E. temporarily disbanded but re-organized at the opening of the next session. This year witnessed the re-establishment of Kappa Alpha and the entrance of a chapter of Chi Phi. The fraternities are generally on good terms and all maintain a high standard. As yet no chapter houses have been built. The membership ranges from 8 to 25.

"The University is an integral part of the public organization for education established by law and imbedded in the successive constitutions of this state; and it is the traditional and established policy of the State to support the University as the crown and glory of the public school system. Citizenship in an organized commonwealth carries with it the inalienable obligation to promote the state's highest educational creation—its University; and in this, as in all cases, duty coincides fully with interest and honor."

S. A. E. IN TEXAS.

As far back as 1858, only two years after S. A. E. was organized at Tuscaloosa, the first Texas chapter was established at Baylor University, then located at Independence. Timothy L. Dunklin of the class of '61 was the standard bearer and soon gathered about him a goodly number of the brightest young men of Texas. All was going well when the war drum sounded its fierce alarms through the south and Texas Theta quietly passed out of existence. The chapter roll numbered seventeen, of whom some are dead, some have moved to parts unknown, and some have served their state in positions of honor and dignity. So far as we can hear, no attempt was ever made to reorganize the chapter.

From 1862 till 1881 no further effort was made to introduce S. A. E. into Texas. In the latter year Major R. S. Goss, that enthusiastic apostle of the purple and gold, came from Ky. Chi. to Waxahachie, Texas, and began teaching in Marvin college. Bro. Goss soon selected the best material in the college and our standard was once more planted on Texas soil. John H. Grant, E. M. Cox and C. D. Craig were the charter members. Others were rapidly added to the roll until the number reached twenty-one. When S. A. E. came to Marvin, that institution was regarded as one of the best colleges in the state, but the fortunes of Marvin had already touched the zenith and it soon became apparent that the decline had set in. Accordingly on June 10, 1884, the chapter of Texas Rho was transferred to the University of Texas by T. C. Barrett of Tenn. Omega, and it has ever since been recognized as one of the strongest chapters in that institution.

In 1888 Bro. F. L. Hawkins and W. H. P. Hunnicutt, both of Texas Rho, in connection with Bro. T. M. Taylor, initiated nine of the best men of the Southwestern University at Georgetown and named the new chapter Texas Psi. Psi led a short but indeed a brilliant existence. The boys were ban-

queted and honored with receptions by friends in town until even rivals were compelled to confess the merit of Sigma Alpha. In 1889, however, only three of the old men returned, and, owing to the scarcity of good material, they unanimously decided to return the charter. Since then Texas Rho has been criticised by some because she has taken no steps toward re-entrance into the Southwestern, but that time has not yet arrived when we deem it advisable.

The year 1888 also witnessed the establishment of another chapter in Texas. Bro. John M. Wagstaff, president of Buffalo Gap college, applied for a charter, called a few young men around him and revived the old Theta. Want of material, however, killed the chapter the next year.

In 1889 a very peculiar thing happened to Chapter Rho. Never had the chapter been stronger; fifteen as good, earnest, social fellows as ever met at college assembled weekly to do honor to S. A. E. and to enjoy the music and song for which our '89 chapter became noted. All admitted that the evenings thus spent were the most pleasant of the year. And yet when our prospects seemed so brilliant, though we stood highest in scholarship and had won more than our share of the honors, it happened that one evening a full meeting of chapter Rho decided to disband until the next year. The charter was surrendered, but the chapter still held together, even playing a game of base ball after the surrender had been made. There was no ill feeling among the boys and no one could tell exactly why such action had been taken. Early the next session, however, the charter was recalled and the chapter reorganized with the tacit agreement to draw the nucleus of membership from the Academic department. Since then Rho has grown stronger and stronger each year until at present we think we can assert our claim to leadership among the fraternities here without boasting or vain glory.

As the years go by chapter Rho is coming nearer and nearer to the true ideal of fraternity life. First of all, our men are moral and studious; second, they are all intimate friends and

act in the most perfect harmony, and third, they are all men of social inclinations, it being our proudest boast that a number of the brightest, best and sweetest young ladies of the University and city wear our badges and call themselves "S. A. E. girls."

We now have six rivals, with all of whom, however, we are on the best of terms:

Beta Theta Pi.....	10 Men
Phi Delta Theta.....	7 "
Sigma Nu.....	7 "
Kappa Sigma.....	10 "
Kappa Alpha.....	5 "
Chi Phi.....	5 "

It has never been our policy to boast of honors received, but in order to show the comparative standing of the frats. here, we append the following table:

Name.	No. of Men.	Distinctions in Academic Average, per Man.	Distinctions in Law Av. per Man.	Commence- ment Hon- ors.	Fellowship.
Beta Theta Pi.....	14	.77	.60	1	1
Phi Delta Theta.....	9	2.87	1.00	0	0
Sigma Nu.....	15	.87	.28	0	1
Kappa Sigma.....	25	.88	.15	1	2
S. A. E.....	16	2.90	.20	3	2
Kappa Alpha.....	14	.75	.16	1	1
Chi Phi.....	12	1.00	0	1	1
Barbs.....	....	....	....	1	0
Ladies.....	....	....	....	1	0

It is but fair to state here that Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma divided the honors on field day and Kappa Alpha covered herself with glory in the oratorical contests.

Our prospects for the future are indeed radiant. We now number eleven and are strong enough to safely exercise our usual care in the selection of new men. We hold one of the newly created tutorships, two of the three fellowships, and last, but by no means least, we welcome among us Dr. Edwin W. Fay, who now occupies the chair of Latin.

With a hearty God-speed to all S. A. E. workers and a friendly grip to all loyal brothers, we remain,

CHAPTER TEXAS RHO.

HON. JOSEPH C. HUTCHESON,

Democratic nominee for Congress, First Texas District.

Joseph C. Hutcheson was born May 18, 1842, in that state which has given America such a brilliant array of distinguished men—Virginia. He entered Randolph-Macon College while quite young, graduating from that institution at the age of nineteen. But the tocsin of civil war had already sounded and young Hutcheson promptly responded to his country's call, exchanged diploma for rifle and entered the Confederate service as a private. He was assigned to Stonewall Jackson's command and was with that great leader in his celebrated Valley Campaign. He early won a place high in the estimation of his fellow-soldiers as a man of scrupulous, conscientious devotion to duty and was regarded as one whose personal courage and love for the Confederacy were beyond question. These qualities soon brought promotion and when his brigade gave up their arms at the close of the war Bro. Hutcheson commanded Co. E of the fourteenth Virginia regiment.

We next find our distinguished brother at the law school of the University of Virginia, where he graduated on the tenth of June, 1866. In the fall of the same year, he moved to Grimes County, Texas, and began the practice of his profession. In 1874 he removed to Houston where he has since been engaged in the practice of law, being the senior member of the firm of Hutcheson, Corrington & Seas.

For many years Bro. Hutcheson has been regarded as one of the leading lawyers of our state. He combines in a most happy degree those two great talents so rarely found united in the same man—deep thought and ready speech. Though one of the most fluent and most eloquent speakers known to the Texas bar, he has ever accorded that diligent study to his profession which is so necessary to success in its highest sense. His superior qualifications were so recognized by his fellow-citizens that he was returned as a member of the seventeenth legislature, serving in that capacity one term.

Bro. Hutcheson has had no political aspirations, choosing rather to confine himself to a lucrative law practice. When he came to the legislature it was not to gratify his own ambition, but, as a loyal and patriotic citizen, he obeyed the call of his county. He has always been an active supporter of the Democratic party and often has he championed the cause of aspiring friends and contributed very materially to their success. Such an unselfish policy, together with his splendid talents and unquestioned integrity at last won distinguished recognition. At a meeting of the Congressional convention of the first Texas district last summer Bro. Hutcheson was accorded the congressional nomination by acclamation and without opposition. Such action speaks in the highest terms of the confidence in which our brother is held by the citizens of his district. The nomination in the first Texas district amounts virtually to election, as the Democratic ticket is always elected by a good round majority.

Bro. Hutcheson was made an S. A. E. while attending the Virginia Law School in 1865. He has ever been a loyal member. In June, '91, after delivering the Commencement address before the literary societies of our University, he presided as toast-master at Rho's annual banquet. The courtly, gracious manner in which he again threw himself into the pleasures of youth added a hundred-fold to the enjoyment of the evening and all left the banquet hall feeling that Bro. Hutcheson was not only an able and a noble man, but a peerless Sig as well.

THOMAS CHAPPELL COOK, A. M., M. D.,

One of the Founders of S. A. E.

All who love S. A. E. and who have experienced the pleasures of such close association with kindred spirits must ever regard the founders of our organization with peculiar esteem and respect. The men whom DeVotie gathered around him at Tuscaloosa and from whose confidential friendship our order

sprang into being will always be loved and venerated by loyal Sigs. Of this little band Dr. T. C. Cook, of Weimar, Texas, is one of the few survivors.

Thomas Chappell Cook was born Sept. 19, 1836, in that city which has since become sacred to S. A. E.—Tuscaloosa, Ala. In due time he entered the University of Alabama where he remained until he had completed half the Junior course. Leaving that institution in 1856, a year memorable in the history of S. A. E., he entered Princeton, ranking with the class of '57. Immediately after graduation, Bro. Cook went to New York, where he began the study of medicine under the direction of T. Gaillard Thomas and where he also attended lectures during the summer and winter of '57. Again returning to Alabama in April, '58, he received the appointment of apothecary and resident student in the Charity Hospital, at Mobile. He held this position until November of the same year, when he entered the University of Pennsylvania remaining in that institution until he received his M. D. diploma in April, 1859. During the next two years Dr. Cook practiced his profession in his native state and received during this time the A. M. degree from both Princeton and the University of Alabama, fitting testimonials of his high scholarship and noble character. In 1860 he found his way to Texas, where he continued the practice of medicine until 1884. The reputation which Dr. Cook established as a man of ability and integrity was such that in that year he was called out by his fellow-citizens of Colorado County as a man abundantly qualified to represent his district in the Legislature. The honor came unsought and was sustained with conscientiousness and high sense of honor which has ever distinguished him. He served only one term and then returned to the practice of medicine at Weimar. He now holds the positions of city physician of Weimar, county physician of Colorado County and U. S. examining surgeon.

It was while Bro. Cook was at the University of Alabama that the close friendship of the little band about DeVotie became crystalized in a constitution and with ever-widening

and more far-reaching scope, soon became known in college circles as the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Dr. Cook was one of the enthusiastic band who first pledged life-long friendship to each other and unchangeable love for S. A. E. He has been faithful. He is a regular subscriber to THE RECORD and has been among the first to send in an order for the coming catalogue. Our Texas brother can tell many interesting things concerning the foundation of our Order and it is to be hoped that some time in the near future he will write an article for publication.

L. G. BUGBEE.

RHO'S VIEWS ON EXTENSION.

"In the far southwest there lies Rho, the robust, dreaming amid sweet beds of the 'yellow rose of Texas.' That's all right, Rho, enjoy yourself; but when you also wake up to your loveliness, remember your short, sweet intercourse with that fair young sister, named Psi."

I believe I recognize the easy, good-natured, enthusiastic style of the writer of "Some Thrusts," from which the above is taken, although he hides himself under the ominous name of *Free Lance*. I honor that brother for the whole-souled zeal and earnestness with which he has thrown himself into the cause of S. A. E.; I honor him for the work he has done and is doing and for the devoted energy he has manifested for the extension of Sigdom. However, I can but believe that in his "Thrusts" at Rho, Free Lance has missed his mark. Does he really believe that Rho is idly dreaming? Does he believe that we are so completely wrapped up in selfish enjoyment that we never give a thought to the advancement of S. A. E.'s interests, or that, in our isolation, we have been invaded by a feeling of the self-sufficiency of our little band and have never looked around us for a suitable place to plant the standard of purple and gold? Does he think that Rho would let that fair young

sister sleep on, unless Rho, after deliberate consideration, thought it best to leave her death-slumber unbroken and undisturbed? No, Rho has not been idly dreaming; she has been active, as her record will show, and she is satisfied. Nowhere throughout Sigdom has the news of S. A. E.'s triumphs and victories been more gladly hailed and nowhere has the zealous, enthusiastic work of our leaders been more appreciated than at the University of Texas. We rejoiced when Bros. Mack and Smith planted our colors on the shores of the Pacific, and none feel prouder of Leland Stanford than we; we gave a glad welcome to the news that Washington, Denver and Boston were ours; and our hearts beat with triumphant pride when we heard how our boys at Boulder had swept the field in the oratorical contest and that night, in spirit at least, we helped them banquet the girls of Delta Gamma. We assure our brothers that no chapter is more in sympathy with the push and go that has permeated the very rank and file of our whole order and none can wish a heartier "God-speed" to those ardent spirits who are carrying our colors into the best institutions of the day than do we of chapter Rho, and we lament the fact that circumstances have so placed us that we cannot gather such honors to ourselves and add such laurels to the already glorious chaplet of S. A. E.

But with this unprecedented ardor in the cause of extension, there is, I am afraid, at least some danger of allowing our enthusiasm to override our judgment. Brother Withers said in the November RECORD: "Extension by all means, but no recklessness." Let me add that Texas Rho stands with S. C. Delta on that platform. Extension when we can go into such institutions as Northwestern, University of Minnesota, University of California, University of Penn., and even some of the smaller colleges, but let us not recklessly wave our colors from the windows of every college that we get a chance to enter. True there are some good men in all colleges, but the material for a sound, healthy chapter cannot be as abundant in a small college as in an institution of standard rank. Our chapter hall

is now made up of colleges and universities that reflect credit on our good judgment, let us add to it only those that we may point to with pride. Other fraternities judge us by the institutions we enter and the barbs measure our worth, not by the length of our roll, but by the standing of the institutions represented. S. A. E. is in a healthy condition, her standard is high, her policy is in the main sound, and she is able to cross lances with her strongest competitor. Let us maintain her in the proud position she now occupies. By entering all the colleges whose doors are open to us, we have everything to lose and little, indeed, to gain. We of Chapter Rho have often discussed this question of extension, and we are unanimously agreed that within the limits of Texas, we don't want to "extend" and without Texas we are so far from any institution that we would be willing to enter that we have decided to leave extension work to those situated in a more favorable field. This, my brothers, explains why that "fair young sister, named Psi" sleeps on, and though we have long since "waked up to our loveliness," we believe it our business to sacrifice whatever pleasure there might be in having so near a neighbor to the general welfare of S. A. E.; and hence we strew roses on the tomb of that fair young sister and leave her death-sleep unbroken.

L. G. BUGBEE.

QUIES ET ARMA.

W. C. VAIL.

Another year to join its sister years,
Glides on; the morning wanes, the noontide nears;
And as worn reapers, spent with toil and heat,
To some cool nook for midday rest retreat,
So we, to-night, beneath these arching trees,
Would drink in peace the cool, rich wine of ease,
For one brief hour forget the work that waits,
A tireless beggar, ever at our gates,
And mark the zenith of the half-spent year
With all the glory of commencement cheer.

In those old days when feudal castles high
 Stood pointing grimly up to Europe's sky,
 The feasts men made were feasts in very truth,
 With princely fare for baron, knight and youth.
 There old crusaders, warmed and cheered with wine,
 Fought o'er their fights in far off Palestine;
 But not less welcome in the merry throng
 The minstrel came, with ready harp and song,
 And open hands repaid the ringing lay
 That told of love or prowess in the fray.

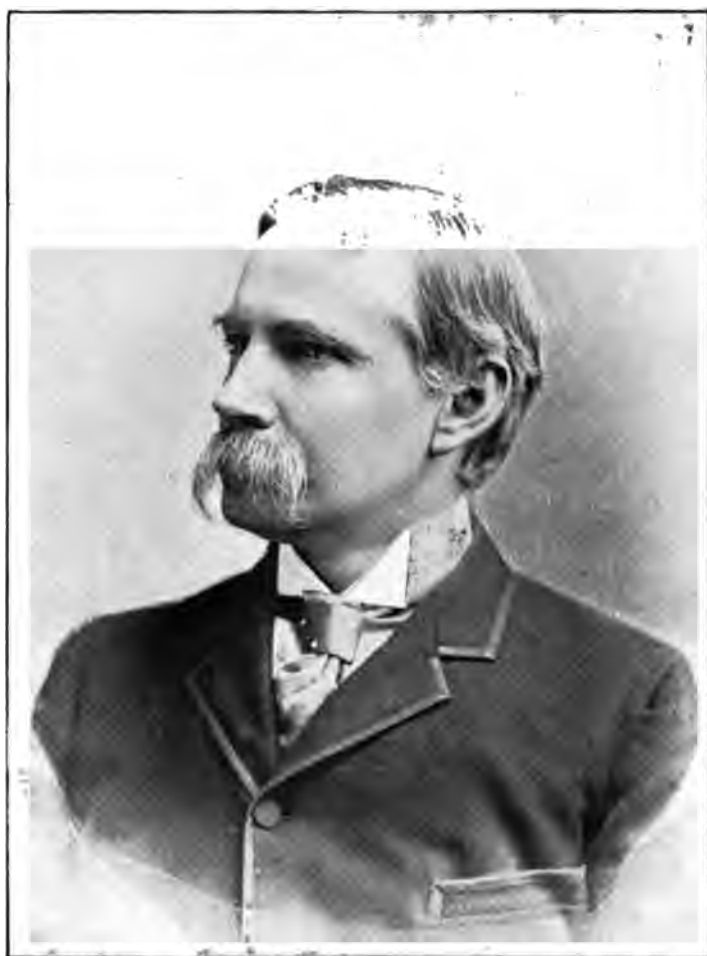
Yes, love and war; and poets of to day
 Are striking still the same old chords as they;
 'Tis love I sing, that ties as strong as blood,
 That binds in one our grand old brotherhood,
 The love that reigns within our chapter's fold
 And glorifies the purple and the gold,
 That makes its union no unmeaning thing
 But warm and living—'tis of this I sing;
 Nor all unfingered shall the harp strings be
 That sing the bright-eyed girls of S. A. E.

But, with all just devotion to their charms,
 Our higher thoughts, like Virgil, speak of arms,
 And of the fight which man must ever wage
 With that base self, our common heritage.
 Around our banner may we still contend
 And 'quit ourselves like men until the end;
 And may thy vows, dear Alpha, bind like steel
 To count our own a brother's woe or weal;
 So shall thy glories ever be the same,
 A spotless 'scutcheon and an honored name.

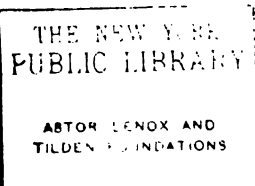
Poem read at the lawn fete given by Indiana Alpha, June 14, 1892.]

HON. WILLIAM LYNE WILSON.

There is no brighter star in the galaxy of S. A. E's bright lights than Congressman William Lyne Wilson, of West Virginia. He was born near Middleway, Jefferson County, Virginia, May 3rd, 1843. His father was Benjamin Wilson and his mother a Miss Lyne, both of King and Queen County, Va.



HON WILLIAM L. WILSON,
Washington City Rho, '59.



Moving to Jefferson County shortly after their marriage, Benjamin Wilson, from the active interest and work he gave to political matters, soon gained the name of the "wheelhorse of democracy" in Jefferson. Young William was but five years old when his father died, and he was reared and educated by his mother and a maiden aunt, Miss Lucy Lyne. He took an academic education at Charleston academy, and when quite young entered Columbian University, at Washington, D. C. It was there that he took the vows of S. A. E., and for two years was recognized as one of the active, enthusiastic leaders of Washington City Rho—one of our oldest and best chapters. From Columbian he graduated in 1860, at the age of seventeen. He next entered the University of Virginia, where he again became actively associated with S. A. E., and was there when the war broke out. Like all chivalrous young southrons, although still but a mere boy, he hastened home and entered the Confederate army. He took rank as a drummer boy and was engaged in some hard fighting in the early battles of the army of Northern Virginia. An amusing war incident was told of him in the West Virginia headquarters, at the late Chicago convention, over which Brother Wilson presided:

At Ball's Bluff, Gen. Longstreet found a young fellow sitting, with his drum, on a fallen tree, taking no interest whatever in the very interesting proceedings going on a half-mile in front of him.

"Why don't you rejoin your regiment, sir?" Longstreet asked, angrily.

"What's the use," the boy answered; "I ain't got nothing to fight with but this drum, and those blamed Yankees have shot the sound out of it. Either I get a gun, or I go home now, and that's the long and short of it. I will not fool away any more time resisting this here infamous invasion with a leaky drum, and you can report that at headquarters."

Young Wilson was given a drum which did not leak, and at the surrender had risen to the rank of captain in the Confeder-

ate army. He was known as a brave soldier and a hard fighter. His army life lasted till the surrender.

This drum incident is indicative of the man. Throughout his entire life he has put the same dauntless pluck and practical construction to all things—mindful ever of duty and striking only blows that told. At the conclusion of the war he was elected to the professorship of Latin in Columbian University. On the overthrow of the lawyer's test oath in West Virginia, however, he resigned this charge, and entered upon the practice of law, at Charleston. In 1880 he was a delegate to the National Democratic convention at Cincinnati, and was chosen elector for the state at large on the Hancock ticket. Again, in 1882, he was called from public life to the academic groves, by an election to the presidency of West Virginia University, entering upon that office September 6th; but on the 20th of the same month he was nominated as the Democratic candidate for the Forty-eighth congress and elected. He resigned the presidency of the state University in June, 1883. Columbian University conferred upon him the degree LL. D. in 1883; and Hampden-Sidney college gave him another in 1886. He was appointed a regent for the Smithsonian Institute for two years in 1884 and was reappointed in 1886. Meanwhile Mr. Wilson was reelected to the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fifty-first and Fifty-second congresses, and has been renominated for the Fifty-third. His nomination in every instance has been by acclamation. In congress he has served with distinction on the highest committees—that of Ways and Means, and the Appropriations. He is recognized as a foremost Democratic leader on the floor of the house, and is probably the best informed man in the party on the tariff question, to which he has given the most assiduous study for years. He is well known to the country as a writer on political and economic questions, and is a frequent contributor to the leading magazines and papers. As editor of the tariff reform department of *The St. Louis Republic*, for the past year, he has won that paper fame for the brilliancy and logic of its tariff onslaughts.

Mr. Wilson is a polished orator. A year ago he was sent to carry the campaign of education into the northwest, where he traveled over an immense area and made hundreds of speeches. On June 22 he achieved one of the proudest distinctions of his life in being selected as chairman by the National Democratic convention in Chicago. The man was equal to the emergency. As the presiding officer of that vast audience of fevered excitement and confusion, he carried on the business successfully and coolly. His impromptu speech on that occasion will go down in the literature of Democratic doctrine. In a graphic pen picture of this effort, the *St. Louis Republic* said of him:

"There were some fears that Mr. Wilson's voice would not be able to penetrate throughout the vast hall, but those who feared this were mistaken. His voice showed extraordinary strength and penetration. He was heard by everybody, even those in the most remote corners. He did not halt for a word from start to finish. His well-rounded sentences sent thrills of joy to the hearts of the 20,000 Democrats who were within reach of his voice. He started off easily and gracefully. He was as cool as if he was sitting down with his legs crossed talking to a few friends. He went at his work like the trained orator that he is. His gestures were miscellaneous. Sometimes he stamped his foot and clinched his fist as if he wanted to slug somebody. Again, when working his point, he shook the index finger of his right hand vigorously in a circle in front of his eyes; again he would raise both hands as if about to pray, and bring them down of a sudden to clinch his argument; again he would place his hands behind his back, throw his head backwards and plead for reason and common sense. He was magnificent at all times and under all circumstances."

Later on, at the Madison Square gathering of Democrats in New York, to formally notify Mr. Cleveland of his nomination, Bro. Wilson again displayed his oratorical powers in that brief but forcible address of notification, which called forth the im-

mortal words from the ex-president: "Ours is not a destructive party."

Personally, Bro. Wilson is described as a man of pleasant address with quick but easy manners. He is 5 feet 6 inches in height, weighs about 130 pounds, and his hair and moustache are iron gray. He has a thoughtful, studious, refined face. He dresses comfortably, rather elegantly, and at a glance one perceives that he is both a student of men and a scholar of books. He is recognized as one of the scholars of Congress, and his looks do not belie the title.

Public man that he is, Bro. Wilson does not neglect home life. Indeed, his family circle is one of the pleasantest, and his fireside one of the happiest imaginable. In 1868 he married Miss Nannie Huntington, daughter of Dr. A. J. Huntington of Columbian University. His family consists of four sons and two daughters. The eldest son, William H., graduated last June from the law department of Columbian. The next son, Walter L., is a chemist in Pittsburg. Allen C., the third son, is in the employ of the West Virginia & Pittsburg railroad; while Arthur, the youngest boy, is in the Junior class of the Columbian College. The youngest children are two bright, pretty daughters, Mary and Bertie, aged respectively 15 and 12 years.

Throughout his eventful, busy life Brother Wilson has not lost any of the affection or enthusiasm for his "first love" in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He affirms that the recollections of his lodge-room are among the tenderest of college life, and till to-day he finds pleasure in grasping the hands of his younger active brothers. Although deeply engrossed in matters of state, he finds time to read his "RECORD" and keep up with the gratifying progress of S. A. E. He earnestly advocates the revival of Washington city Rho at an early date and will give the enterprise all possible encouragement.

When reaching successive climaxes in his great Chicago speech, lusty cries went up from the balcony: "What's the

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Ohio Sigma.

matter with Wilson for president ? ” His brothers in S. A. E. over all sections of this Union have asked that before. There is nothing the matter with it—it is the proper thing—and we all expect to live to vote for him. Congressman Wilson is the prince of Sigs!

HARRY S. BUNTING.

HON. WILLIAM M'KINLEY JR.

Among the brightest lights of our beloved fraternity few have attained greater renown than our distinguished brother, Hon. William McKinley, Jr., the honored governor of the “Buckeye state.”

Gov. McKinley was born at the little city of Niles in Trumbull county on the 26th day of February, 1844, and has now, while scarcely past the meridian of life, so won the confidence of his party, that his utterances and the legislation shaped by his hand have been accepted as the doctrine of a great political party and upon the issues thus established a national campaign is now being fought.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity can well be proud of such a son and even if some of us distrust the doctrine of his party as expounded by him, we can all unite in admiration for the intellect which is great enough to lead so many of our people. Gov. McKinley has been so conspicuous a figure in national affairs that it is unnecessary to give more than a brief history of his public life.

The son of a substantial and prosperous manufacturer, he was given a good common and academical education in the county of his nativity. But at the dawn of the late war he threw aside his books and relinquished his cherished plans to enter the army, enlisting as a private in the 23d Regiment of Ohio Infantry, the famous regiment of Rosecrans and Hayes.

By valiant and faithful service he won the notice of his superiors and was promoted from private to Commissary Ser-

geant, then to Lieutenant and to a Captain. For gallantry displayed in several hotly contested battles he was breveted a Major by President Lincoln and served on the staffs of Generals Hayes, Crook and Hancock.

In the summer of 1865 he was mustered out of service and immediately entered upon the study of law, locating at Canton, Stark county, Ohio, where he has ever since resided, and where the people of every political faith look upon him with respect and admiration.

He made his debut into a political life in 1869, when he was made prosecuting attorney of Stark county.

In 1876 he was elected to Congress and with the exception of one term served continually until March 4, 1892, when as a result of that peculiar method of refixing the boundary lines of Congressional districts, which both parties sometimes resort to, he found himself succeeded by a Democrat. While upon the floor of Congress and as a member of the committee on Ways and Means he was especially active in debate upon the matter of tariff taxation.

By giving that subject the most careful and constant study he became the acknowledged authority to his party on this issue, directing the opposition against the Morrison and Mills bills and finally framing the far-famed "McKinley bill" upon whose success the welfare of the Republican party has been staked. In 1888 McKinley was a delegate to the Republican National convention, going pledged to the interests of Senator John Sherman.

During the convention it became apparent that should he but say the word the nomination of McKinley could be easily accomplished. But true to his pledge and honor he refused to take the step and by thus refusing, he won for himself the admiration of all who love to see an exhibition of unselfish loyalty.

After his retirement from congress the republican party, of Ohio, were unanimous in selecting him as state standard bearer

and in the fall of 1891 he was elected governor by a majority of over twenty thousand.

In personal appearance Gov. McKinley is rather short and stout, possessed of a massive brow and strongly marked features, and a remarkable resemblance in appearance has earned for him the title of "Little Napoleon." He is exceedingly affable and easy to approach and an hour spent socially with him is an hour not soon to be forgotten. Gov. McKinley received the degree of L. L. D at Mount Union College and has for years been connected with that institution as a trustee. He is a member of Ohio Sigma chapter and is loyal to his fraternity as was evinced at the Minneapolis convention last June, during whose session the close observer noticed that upon the lapel of the Governor's coat there reposed a beautiful little diamond set Sigma pin.

MATTHEW B. EXCELL.

SOUTH CAROLINA MU.

Owing to very peculiar circumstances it was found necessary during the collegiate year of 89-90 to surrender the charter of S. C. Mu at Erskine College, Due West, S. C. From that time until June 13, 1892, S. A. E. had only one representative in that institution, the writer, and no one more than he felt the loss of this chapter. An effort was made three years ago to revive Mu but was for good reasons finally abandoned. Not despairing over our failure I determined not to give up the fight but bided my time. Last spring I found out that fourteen of the best students in college, some of whom the K. A.'s had approached, had organized themselves into a local organization with the purpose of going bodily into some good frat. S. A. E. was first thought of and was wanted by all, but some knew of the previous effort to get S. A. E. back at Erskine and were afraid to try again.

When I heard of this I stepped in and offered these brothers admission to S. A. E., which they eagerly accepted and now we have a chapter at Erskine of which the whole frat. ought to be proud and which I know will take up its stand among the first. Composed of wide-awake, active, progressive men who are fully imbued with the principles of S. A. E., Mu has determined to have and will be satisfied with no other place than first. She has been dormant once but is now a live, active and determined chapter and her prospects for usefulness could not be better.

In behalf of the other members of the chapter, I desire through this medium to extend to Bro. Moore of Tenn. and Bro. John G. Capers of S. C. sincere thanks and hearty wishes of the chapter for their zeal and encouragement and interest in this matter. To them principally, the thanks of the frat. at large are due. By their council and advice I was greatly helped in my work. Mu wishes for all of her sisters peace and prosperity. Yours for S. A. E. J. C. BRICE.

OHIO THETA.

On the morning of June 3, fourteen members of Ohio Delta boarded the train for Columbus. To say we were in a jovial mood would hardly express our feelings for we were bound on a mission of pleasure as well as of duty. One of the first persons we met on entering the train was Bro. John H. Focht of Alliance, one of the charter members of Sigma, and the founder of Delta; on the same mission as ourselves. For a number of years the Sigs. of Ohio have recognized the importance of having a chapter at the State University. Several attempts had been made in this direction but for some reason all previous ones had failed. The institution is a magnificent one in every respect. Thoroughly equipped with a large number of fine buildings and an excellent corps of professors, it draws its stu-

dents from every county and village in the state and thus make a strategic point of great importance. On our arrival in Columbus we proceeded to the Hotel Chittenden, the swell hotel of the city, which had been selected as headquarters.

Here we found Bros. Smith, Brush, Atkinson and Koeler of Sigma; Bro. Heinrichdorf of Epsilon and Bros. M. B. Excell and J. C. Carlyle of Alpha alumnus, awaiting us. Notices had been sent to each chapter in the state requesting them to send delegates to Columbus as this was considered the best opportunity possible for forming a state association. The time for meeting as decided upon was three o'clock and promptly at that time the delegates assembled in one of the rooms of the hotel. A. M. Austin was elected temporary chairman and the convention then proceeded to the consideration of a constitution that had been prepared by Bro. Focht. After a thorough discussion and some changes the constitution was adopted and the Ohio State association was declared duly organized. The election of officers then took place which resulted as follows: H. Leidale Smith, Sigma, President; E. P. Baker, Delta V. President; L. H. Brush, Sigma Secretary; Treasurer left vacant to be filled by Theta; and Raymond Ratliff, Epsilon Sergeant-at-Arms. After all other business had been attended to, the association adjourned and what remained of the afternoon was spent in viewing the city. A number took the car to the University grounds, and while some went to see the ball game between the Buchtel and Ohio state teams, others spent the time very pleasantly in visiting the buildings and places of interest about the campus. About half past seven all began to reassemble at the "Chittenden" to prepare for the great event of the night. Everything was placed in readiness and about eight-thirty the ceremonies commenced. For convenience the fourteen initiates were divided in two sets of seven each. The large number of active members present made the goat particularly enthusiastic and as they were introduced into the room they received a reception that literally took their breath. It was after ten o'clock before all the initiates had been thoroughly instructed in the

beauties and mysteries of S. A. E., and after they had time to recover from the effects of the goat, we repaired to the dining room where we were served to a most excellent menu through the bounty of Ohio Theta.

As is usual on such occasions the intellectual man was feasted with the physical, and the pleasures of an elegant repast were heightened by the wit and eloquence of the chosen speakers.

The writer who had been selected as toast-master followed the programme as given below, and the happy responses and ready enthusiasm showed that all were imbued with love for S. A. E.: Our Fraternity, John H. Focht; Ohio Theta, G. E. Hayward; Ohio Sigma, H. Lindale Smith; The Goat, N. Scott; Ohio Epsilon, Paul Heinrichdorf; Ohio Delta, J. C. Roberts; The Ladies, M. B. Excell.

After all had feasted to their hearts content, the new chapter proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Bro. W. L. Cleland, E. A., and F. C. Miller, E. C., Bro. W. N. Zerfluh was also elected to fill the office of treasurer of the state association.

The wee small hours were fast approaching, and with sincere regret we bade our new brothers good-by and watched them depart through the deserted streets for their rooms, proudly wearing the royal purple and old gold.

We returned on the early train, taking Bro's Excell and Atkinson with us for a short visit. We reached Delaware just as the first signs of dawn were appearing in the east, tired and sleepy, but well satisfied and confident of the future success of Ohio Theta of S. A. E.

ALBERT M. AUSTIN.

GEORGIA EPSILON.

For two years the fraternity has been anxiously viewing her interests at Emory College, and wishing for a new lease of life for "Georgia Epsilon." The last convention appointed quite a number of local members to visit the school, at the opening of

the present session, to see what could be done toward reestablishment. But like all general duties and unorganized plans, everybody's business is nobody's business, and the committee's plan did not materialize. Several of the members, however, who had expected to be present were prevented by providential hindrances. Others had the care of their own chapters, opening just at that time, and had to remain away.

But ever since the convention, and in fact for some while before, plans were fermenting which required only time to develop. The chapters are familiar with the history of "Georgia Epsilon." From a flourishing chapter in 1888, the Sigs forced the membership rapidly down, because of a foolish conception as to the standard of eligibility, until, in 1891, the last of the chapter graduated. The Alumni in Atlanta and elsewhere had observed and remonstrated against this suicidal policy of the men of "Epsilon" but in vain. The membership sat back with folded hands, while its rivals bore off the incoming prizes each year, and at last, "Epsilon," was no more. It was determined meanwhile, to wait until this course came to its logical end, when the chapter could be started again on a firm basis, with new life, new vigor, enterprise and enthusiasm. Such a consummation, I am glad to say, has been brought about. Three men were in school last year who were pledged to the enterprise—Lee, LeConté and McRae. It was agreed to lay fuller plans, and open at the beginning of this fall session with a rush. This was carried out as far as circumstances permitted. Another man was secured before school opened, Thompson; and with this band of four, backed by George H. Bunting, and the writer, who were armed with back-action sledge-hammers for spiking, the old chapter under new conditions, on the morning of Sept. 21st, set out on another career, determined for success, and hopeful for the future. In addition to this force, Brother W. S. Johns, the gallant leader of Ga. Psi, who lives at Social Circle, came over for a day on his way to Mercer, and put in some hot shot for the new chapter. Then Brothers Roger Davis, one of Ga. Phi's

best men, and J. King Stewart, of old Ga. Delta, who lives just across the railroad from Oxford, at Covington, came over in their swell surrey several times and helped in the rush of new "goats."

The result of the first week's work proved that the hopes of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were not idle fancies. One by one they were secured until nine good men had been enrolled on the register of Epsilon revived. They were in the order of initiation, Bivings, Rumph, Morgan, Cleckler and Hawes. Everything is lovely and fine prospects open out ahead. Emory College started with the largest enrollment in her history, approaching closely to three hundred, and the other fraternities in school were already well filled with members. However, that did not stop them from taking all the other desirable men obtainable; but it gave a new chapter a better showing. Sigma Alpha Epsilon began to think of numbering fifteen men by Christmas and active work continued. But trouble sometimes comes and always at the wrong time. The new chapter had her troubles at the commencement.

A business telegram called the writer back to Atlanta "on the first train," the morning the college opened and he was uncerimoniously cut off from the pleasure of rendering the new chapter further active assistance, except on two short visits later on and this mi-fortune dropped just at the very hour she was "a-bornin!" But the undaunted Sigs pressed ahead, as related, until their chapter numbered nine. Then Bivings decided to enter the state university, instead of Emory, finding that some features of the class arrangement suited him better. With deep regret his new brothers relinquished him to the boys of Beta chapter. During their short association they had learned to value him highly, and we expect much of him in the line of good work in Beta. Another bright light went out temporarily—at least hid itself for a season. Morgan found he was not fully prepared on one or two branches for freshman, and being unwilling to enter sub fresh went home to put in some private

licks until Christmas, when he expects to return and join the freshman class. So his loss is only temporary, though at this time, even that is serious to the new chapter.

But seven men can constitute a good chapter and the boys of Epsilon are not discouraged. There is still some material left in the institution and S. A. E. means to build it into herself as she can. The members of Epsilon are earnest, enthusiastic and practical; and if hard work and determination will accomplish anything, they will forge rapidly to the front among the fraternities at Emory college. They have a good conception already as to what fraternity life is, and how to conduct a successful chapter. The follies of their predecessors will not be repeated. With such an alumni backing as the graduate membership of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in Georgia, there seems to be nothing now that can stand between "Epsilon revived" and success. May the chapter's fondest hopes be realized.

HARRY S. BUNTING.

Atlanta, Ga.

ABOUT THE CATALOGUE.

The work of the catalogue is being pushed in some quarters with the greatest energy; in others there is not the interest taken which we think ought to be taken. What's the matter, brothers? Do you think your fraternity of too little importance to demand your best efforts?

If the work is carried on according to the plan laid down, it will be comparatively light on each of you. But we discover that many do not pay enough attention to the plans sent them in order to understand their import, or else they think best to follow their own plans. For instance *we* receive many of the blanks which members have filled out because the chapter or grand chapter which sent them did not follow our instructions to send with each blank an envelope with the address of the person to whom they wished it returned, on it.

GRAND CHAPTER.

Some grand chapters are having trouble to get the matter of the dead chapter in their province. Have you sent to the E. S. A. for enrollment blanks for your province? *If not, do so.* Also work through the men whose addresses are in the old catalogue. If you have no catalogue you can procure one from A. J. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.

There are signs of an increase of activity in a province from which we have been anxiously expecting reports. Let your energy increase until it comes to a red heat.

Let each Grand chapter tell us wherein they find difficulties. We may be able to help them. If the Grand Eminent Correspondent cannot get the help of the other brothers, we would suggest to the authorities to change the Grand chapters. *This catalogue work must be done.* Don't be afraid we will have too many letters to answer. There are eighteen strong men to help us in our chapter.

Grand chapters, you should demand a report very frequently from each chapter in your province. When you receive the enrollment blanks send them at once to the local chapters.

LOCAL CHAPTERS.

Let each chapter do its work as directed. If there is anything you cannot understand, ask your grand chapter. Be careful to send in your matter in an orderly and well arranged manner. Write your history and compile your materials as you would like to see it appear in the catalogue. Get the most complete record of your alumni that is in your power.

We desire each local chapter to send at once the name and address of its Eminent Correspondent. Also an account of the amount of work you have done on the catalogue.

If your grand chapter is not doing her duty you should demand the reason. *Hustle yourselves and everybody else.*

Our energy is extending our borders in a creditable manner, that same energy should cause every man in the fraternity to

swear by our goddess to do his best to make the catalogue a success. *We must succeed.*

Oh that we could whisper the words of this letter into the ears of the persons for whom they are written so loudly that they would have the headache for a week.

Yours for the catalogue,

JOS. CLEMENS,
J. T. VAN BUNKALOW, } Editors.
GEO. PARK SINGER.

P. S.—We wish the Grand chapters and Local chapters to compile nothing except histories until they hear from us as to the plan of compiling. There are some unimportant things in some blanks of which no one wants to hear. We can have a uniform plan of compiling only under a general plan.

We wish each chapter to report as soon as it has the blanks from all its members. Yours, THE EDITORS.

[This communication should have appeared in the June RECORD but was omitted as we understood it was to be published in the *Hustler*. We now gladly give it space and regret the delay in its appearance. ED.]

THE FRATERNITY PRINCIPLE.

“Fraternity, fraternity, fraternity; why so much talk about fraternity brotherhood and all this sort of stuff? Where did it originate, what is it and what is its purpose?”

These are remarks that are frequently made by non-fraternity men, sometimes on account of their ignorance, and again, with the intent to ignore. Indeed, many *fraternity* men, and some of our band not excepted, are uninformed concerning the ancient origin of the main idea of fraternity. What our branch is and from whence it sprung, we all know; Sigma Alpha Epsilon's every day and date is familiar and dear to us. There is a hidden meaning and charm that cannot be put to words. It is guarded as our secret of secrets. None can tell it, but its warmth is felt in every breast.

Systems of philosophy have sprung up and flourished and are lost to sight. Religions and governments, mighty in their time, have passed into forgetfulness. Science has woven wreaths of honor and placed the laurels upon the brow of one generation after another, but from time immemorial, and from age to age, the main idea of fraternity has existed.

Guilds, Brotherhoods and Fraternities are so ancient in their origin that their first foundations are lost in the mists of legend.

When the Greeks from Attica immigrated into Asia Minor, they found what is known in history as the Dionysiac Fraternity which was composed of the master mechanics of that day. A band of this fraternity is supposed to have assisted Solomon in the building of the temple, and though it is not authentic history, it is said that the leader of this band organized a brotherhood which exists to this day and bears the name of Masonry.

The early Teutons and Franks are not without their history. Tacitus makes frequent mention of the "Mystic Circles of Knighthood." These legends show how the method of uniting together for the common good and pleasure dates back almost beyond the annals of history.

When there was scarcely any culture beyond the walls of the cloister the church was glad to assist and be assisted by these self appointed champions, and the uniting of their efforts for the greatest good, Christianity, was the most natural result. There have been many links in the chain of progress and developement between that day and this and many are the modifications in principles and elements; but to-day, the system of American College Fraternities embodies the moral, intellectual and social elements that have been developed by the growth of ages, and is here nourished in the bright sunlight of the nineteenth century. I need not dwell upon the history of our order, it has been so often told and told so well. But that the chain may not be broken a few words will not be amiss.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon sprung into existence at an unfortunate time and in an unfortunate section, and only those

know, who are informed of her history, how she has struggled against the tide of adversity, being sorely wounded by the civil strife, but emerging from those dark clouds only to shine with increasing splendor. The noble and manly virtues which she embodies were as certain to grow into the bright flame that burns to-day, as the sun is to rise on the morrow, or the buds to burst in the spring-time.

What more need we to inspire us with loyalty and burning zeal than to reflect upon the lives of our founders?

While not alone in the undertaking, the conception of the S. A. E. fraternity seems to have originated in the brain of Noble Leslie De Votie, a man whose charms lay in his genuine, unaffected piety. In him, reverence was profound as the source of light, yet without the slightest shadow of superstition. Faith seems to have wrought the highest result in his character, and to have become the evidence of things not seen, the substance of things hoped for. His love towards God and man showed itself in unflinching obedience to the divine law, and in a tender regard for his fellowbeings which took all shapes of compassion, forbearance, courtesy, sympathy, and benignity, as personal relations required. His motto was, "Do the duty that is nearest thee; thy next duty will become plainer."

God gave him a field to fill, and he filled it well. We all delight to honor his name, and it is our greatest pleasure to keep green the memory of De Votie.

Let us take the motto, and do our nearest duty; not being too conservative, nor yet, "casting our pearls before swine," cautiously extend our borders and unfold our scheme. And, as the majestic rhythm of the Mississippi harmonizes the distant, fertile and prosperous valleys of the East with the broad expanse of plain smiling under the gold and crimson rays of the setting sun, and bears their tributes to the far off ocean, so may these bonds harmonize the North and South till there be no Mason and Dixon line nor boundary to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, but from all sections love and friendship meet at the altar

of our fraternity. Appropriate, indeed, were the remarks delivered by our Eminent Supreme Archon, when we, brothers from the North and South, visited the battle field near Atlanta last December. Once we fought there, but now we meet there in brotherly love.

The young men of this country have a duty and a mission. The welfare and prosperity of the greatest nation on earth rests upon the shoulders of the young men. If we do our duty we will fill our mission. The pledges and principles of our order cannot guide us wrong, and, if the young manhood of our land was composed of these instincts and virtues, truly our ship of state would ever abide under the branches of the olive of peace.

Ala. Iota.

D. J. CASTLEMAN, JR.

CHAPTER VISITATION.

In the June Record, Bro. Burger had a well written article on the above subject. "Well written," not only because upon a timely subject, but because every possible or feasible method was considered that might aid us in bringing about this important change. The benefit of systematic "Chapter Visitation" is acknowledged by all; the way in which such visitation can be accomplished, with satisfactory results, is the object we are now seeking. After consideration I would recommend the plan referring to province presidents. Province D is now comprising the territory belonging to four provinces at least, including Texas in the far west province. With proper division and the selection of good rustling men for presidents of these provinces we would be in shape for work.

Province Presidents are certainly the ones to visit the chapters. It is to them that the welfare of the chapters is delegated and the visitation of each chapter once during the school year would aid immensely. In every instance they are enthusiastic for their fraternity; in most cases they are still college men and

so take a keener interest in frat affairs; they are the more conversant with the laws of the fraternity, and can better judge of the workings of each chapter, and can give the most valuable assistance in every case. It would give them opportunities for observations in new fields. Such a corps of workers could give reports to the "Record," and the "Hustler" that would be appreciated by all.

With proper division of the provinces, traveling expenses would be reduced to a minimum; in fact they could be borne by the fraternity, and in part by the provinces. As has been said, the different chapters would be very glad to entertain their visitor at their own expense for a few days. It seems to me that province presidents can the more easily and nicely give two to three weeks each year to this work than any other persons or officers in the fraternity.

Definite action in regard to this important move will be left to the next convention. Meantime, loyal members will think of plans, different from those already suggested, and let every delegate come to Chattanooga with some well defined ideas in regard to this necessary change. Before the end of this school year, we Rocky Mountain Sigs expect to be visited by several of our big brothers so that we can rub up against them and imbibe a little enthusiasm from them and make us feel that we are not quite so remote after all.

Colo. Chi.

PAUL M. NORTH.

THE HUSTLER.

Hustle: "To shake together in confusion." So says Webster. A hustler then is one who performs the operation. But the word has also a derived meaning; of late years much extended, and therefore very vague. It is often heard in college and fraternity circles, and clearly describes a well-known

character. Accepting it therefore as a good English word, let us state what, in our opinion, the ideal fraternity hustler is:

He is, primarily, a man of energy. The term itself has in it the idea of action. Energy and action presupposes determination present; and a chemical compound of the three gives work as a result. That quality we regard as the foundation of the hustler's individuality. Other traits, such as "talkativeness" he may or may not possess in common with his companions, but energetic, determined action is peculiar to him alone. To his character, founded on this, numerous other qualities should be added, but no man can come within the scope of the definition who does not have a large development of the genius for hard work.

Another characteristic that we, who sit in the back row, have observed is that the hustler is a very busy man. If his own chapter has nothing hard for him to do, we are very likely to hear of his presence in a foreign field. There are some four or five men in our fraternity who have the preceding qualities in so great degree that we think of them involuntarily.

The ideal hustler is a man who knows how to keep his temper. His plans and purpose do not always commend themselves to us. Sometimes extended explanation is necessary. Opposition must often be encountered. It is noticeable that any society having in its number one very active member is apt to have a complementary "kicker;" doubtless bestowed in most cases by the good genius of the organization. The presence of the latter is no misfortune. He is often a very active agent in furthering the interests of a fraternity. The diagonal between the two forces will usually be the path of steady progress. The honest objector, who with difficulty is convinced, will serve as a storage battery to generate free discussion. Even the professional who "objects from principle" sometimes restrains his organization from precipitate action, and thus makes at least partial reparation for his many offences. With both these characters he should act with perfect good temper.

Again, he is a man who endures suspicion. Human nature is the same within the fraternity that it is outside. He will often be accused of seeking prominence for himself, rather than the good of his society. If the charge be true he is not our ideal man. Such things he must bear until we of the laity, so to speak, become nobler and less envious. How often we have felt piqued towards one of our friends, only for the reason that he was performing a duty beyond our strength or inclination.

Finally, he is the man who will succeed in life. Comparatively few of us are rich. The poor man *must* be energetic to gain honor and a competence. The exercise of zeal for his fraternity in college, and activity in caring for its interest, will be valuable training for him against the time when instead of rival Greeks it will be necessary for him to contend with, outwit or influence, the patient, the juryman, or the fractious church trustee.

These qualities we consider peculiar to the man who is our ideal hustler. His work is by no means unimportant. It means life to his fraternity and character to himself. No matter is trivial when viewed in its relation to the other affairs of life. We lead our little lives from day to day, and, when we take a separate view of the days, we think the things that we have done in each are small. But, when we look backward to discover if possible a unity in the history of nations and of men, we find that great results have often been accomplished by virtue of comparatively unimportant causes; and that the greatest upheavals of society have been the outcome of the slow formation of peculiar habits of thought and action in the mass and individual. Thus does the active, energetic member form, or confirm and strengthen, his disposition for the future and greater conflicts that await him. And thus does our little college life tipify the great world of trial and possibility upon which many of us so soon must enter.

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SOME THRUSTS.

It is the universal rule that fraternities are proud to enroll the larger universities as the abodes of their chapters, while in reality, for various reasons, they seldom offer the most congenial atmosphere for true fraternity spirit. It is in the medium sized and even smaller colleges, as a rule, that the fraternity spirit finds its culmination, principally because the students are more intimately associated, and partly for the reason that rivalry for recruits and college honors is keener and tends to promote greater enthusiasm. Contact is essential for the highest enthusiasm, and in this respect, fraternity men at schools of about two or three hundred students have a decided advantage over those in the universities with an enrollment of a thousand. The boys live closer together, see each other oftener, and get better acquainted. They know not only their own chapter men but also their opponents; and the shrewdness with which an experienced fraternity worker watches the every movement of his chapter's rivals, and the delight with which he checkmates their best laid plans for spiking men and grabbing spoils upon retrospection becomes highly humorous.

Only an enthusiastic "frat" man, who has lived in such an environment for a term of college years can appreciate such close political contests. It is perhaps unknown in the larger schools where the barbaric host furnishes more good men than the chapters need, and where honors are distributed largely by rotation, or through unrighteous wholesale combinations. Yes, there are many charms about fraternity life in the smaller schools which those at the distinguished universities do not enjoy, and as a rule, chapters so located are deeper saturated with enthusiasm, and are prompter to discharge fraternal obligations, than those in the largest institutions. Besides, class and college spirit is less absorbing, and consequently there is more enthusiasm left for the fraternities.

But, to obviate these natural disadvantages, the leading frats

at the leading schools have long since inaugurated the custom of chapter houses, where the brothers are supposed to dwell in unity together, and this plan enables the boys, not only to realize almost all that is best in chapter life at smaller colleges, but supplies many new and delightful advantages that are before undreamed of.

What could be more desirable than the system as it is realized by the S. A. E. boys at Allegheny and Ann Arbor? As yet nothing has been devised which can take the place of a chapter home at the larger colleges and universities, and those chapters which have never made an effort to secure such benefits, should begin to plan in this direction at once. It is even feasible and desirable at the lesser institutions, although, of course, circumstances have not created the same demand for it there. So far, the plan of erecting chapter halls and temples has filled all requirements at minor institutions, but the day is fast approaching when even they will enjoy the benefit of chapter life after the manner of true club life. The chapter that goes to work to realize this end, is the chapter that will be in the lead in the future.

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Speaking of fraternity life at recognized Meccas of learning, there is another point which deserves consideration. Chapters so situated are apt to draw too largely on "transfers" for recruits, and make too little effort on their own part to initiate new men. This practice makes a chapter entirely too "transient" in character, depending almost altogether on a regular influx of new affiliates for strength. Being accustomed to have a half dozen or so old members flock in from different sections, such a chapter will receive them as her own, and often is content to make no further effort to secure others. Undoubtedly, it is a benefit for the chapter to get a regular influx of polished and well trained fraternity men, if that does not cause her to neglect her own initiations, but as soon as the affiliate takes the place of the initiate, the chapter's doom is sealed for robust activity and usefulness.

It becomes practically dead so far as its relations to the order are concerned: Back in finances, correspondence, RECORD letters and convention delegates. It is a shame to let an isolated chapter of some fraternity with hardly another chapter in that section, and with but few alumni, maintain a strong, vigorous chapter which thrives on its ten initiates a year, while S. A. E.—the queen of the south—is content to stop on a family of cousins, with perhaps, three bona fide sons as the result of a whole year's work!

When Virginia Omicron pulls her "ten men a year" and houses them snugly in a home of her own she will be the peer of anything in Greek life at the U. of Va. S. A. E. at Vanderbilt has had less to contend with in this respect up to date; but as the school widens its domain gradually with the certain success that will follow a splendid endowment, and the constant influx of students from less important schools, this circumstance will assume more the shape of a serious problem to the chapter.

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It is said that Delta Tau Delta has a unique way of regarding the "affiliate problem." It takes the position that a member of one chapter is not properly a member of any other chapter by a change of schools. Perhaps, he can be elected to a membership, by prescribed methods—I am not thoroughly informed on this point—but at any rate, he takes no active part in conducting the other chapter's affairs. Under certain circumstances this might be a desirable solution for an unfortunate "connection"; but it speaks very poorly for the general tone of a fraternity, and the personnel of its average membership where the chapters cannot exchange members with freedom without fear of getting a "white elephant" on their hands in the bargain. Some chapters may run largely to scholarship, some may take lively to the development of muscle, some may have a fancy for calico, and another may be composed of a dozen men who spend most of their time conducting college publica-

tions, writing speeches and running the Y. M. C. A., but every chapter of S. A. E. in every section should have men imbued with such sturdy manliness, fair intelligence, and polite manners, that any transfer would become a welcome, and an adaptable acquisition, to any other chapter in the land.

Perhaps, Delta Tau Delta has found the custom of "transferring" worked so to the detriment of some chapters that her custom was adopted for local self-preservation. If such is so, and her precaution remedies the evil without conjuring up a bigger one, her law is wisdom. But I believe that the average membership of S. A. E. is homogeneous enough in the named essential to make the chapters profit by the affiliate acquisitions, instead of suffering, *if but due attention is paid to maintaining the practice of frequent and regular initiations*. Without that the life of any chapter will grow monotonous, enthusiasm will weaken, and precarious existence will follow.

FREE LANCE.

EDITORIAL.

Soon after taking charge of the RECORD we planned to devote an issue from time to time to some particular chapter, hoping in this way to collect data for our fraternity history and to increase our current knowledge of ourselves. Several efforts were made along this line but all resulted in failure, owing to a lack of co-operation by those we wished to serve.

At last Texas Rho came to our assistance and this issue is essentially a Texas number. S. A. E.'s progress and standing in the State and University are portrayed, biographies given of prominent alumni and Rho's views on extension set forth. A tabulated list of members of the fraternity in Texas was prepared with great labor, but we have omitted it as it would take considerable space and we feared it was not of enough general interest to justify its publication. It is a valuable table, however, as a source of data for the catalogue. We trust these articles will be the means of interesting many of our Texas alumni in the RECORD to each of whom a copy will be mailed.

Another year of fraternity work is rapidly drawing to a close, and as we sum up the results of our efforts our hearts swell with pride and satisfaction at the substantial progress our order has made. Eighteen hundred and ninety-two will probably be recorded in our annals as the red-letter year of S. A. E. history. In no year since our organization has so much been done to extend our bounds and to recover former strongholds as during the present, and it is hardly probable that its record will soon be repeated. A total of nine chapters have been added to our list and a tenth is promised. Six of these are new organizations and are within the limits of Prov. D. They are Indiana Alpha, California Alpha, Missouri Beta

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, and Ohio Theta. All of these have been previously mentioned in the RECORD except Ohio Theta, located at Ohio State University, an especially promising field for fraternity work, owing to its increased appropriations and attendance. The chapter started off fourteen strong and we have Bro. Austin's word that the men are all right worthy and loyal fellows. The revived chapters are Alabama Mu, Georgia Epsilon, and South Carolina Mu. These were all strong chapters in their day and now, after a few years of inactivity, they have again entered the ranks of the Greeks to contest for their proper places at the front of the column. With better methods and better encouragement than ever before they ought to and will succeed. The reorganization of our mother chapter was narrated in our last issue. South Carolina Mu, owes her revival to Bro. Brice, a former member, while Georgia Epsilon is another star in H. S. Bunting's crown. The story would be incomplete without adding that in this instance honors must be divided with the later edition of the same family, Geo. H. Bunting, to whom also is largely due the successful launching of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta last spring. But our new chapters are not the only evidences of our progress. The RECORD has been better supported with contributions than ever before and the day is past when it is necessary to clip from the exchanges for anything of general interest. Our general interests seem to be gaining a better hold on the several chapters a unifying process is in progress and we are coming to regard ourselves more and more as members of a great national family instead of merely distant relatives. The expression in favor of a national club house is unanimous so far as expressed. In Ohio a state association has been formed, which means that the Buckeye chapters will all pull together and hence pull effectively. Other states should fall in line. Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Virginia need such organizations and are suffering for the lack of them. In some respects we are not making the advance we should. In

song-book-making we are deficient and our catalogue work drags. In the securing of chapter homes we are not doing enough. Our chapters at the University of Va., University of N. C., University of Ga. and Vanderbilt must not expect to lead in other respects if they allow their rivals to lead them in this. Chapter houses are needed and needed badly. Several of our new chapters should rent houses at the earliest opportunity and begin to accumulate building funds. But nothing brings success like success and as we have succeeded in some lines of work so we will in others when we once give them proper attention.

With few exceptions the great political leaders and statesmen of the country are college men, which is equivalent to saying they are fraternity men for the fraternities are always composed of the cream of the colleges. Thus it happens that the men who guide the ship of state or who mould the policy and voice the sentiment of the great political parties, received their early training in the chapter circles of this or that fraternity. S. A. E. is honored with the allegiance of a number of such men as was illustrated by the recent national political conventions. The Democratic and Republican conventions were each presided over by a member of our fraternity and the Populites would have been equally fortunate had Bro. Thomas Watson of Ga Pi been able to leave Congress at that particular time. And not only had we the presiding officers but in each instance members of our fraternity had a strong backing for the first place on the respective tickets.

Another convention of S. A. E. is fast approaching and those busy workers who have the fraternities' welfare at heart are already planning many an advance movement to be inaugurated at Chattanooga. But in a multitude of counsels there is wisdom and to attain the best results the mass of the members must be thoroughly alive to our needs and opportunities. Every chapter should devote one or more meetings to a discussion of

the question, "What can the Chattanooga convention do for S. A. E.?" Water never rises above its source, and the convention will not be wiser nor more wide-awake than the majority of the chapters it represents. Hence the necessity of every delegate coming with well defined views on the leading questions to be considered. We are in a formative period; we are developing on many lines, and the clearest judgment is required to guide us in the true channel. We are constantly outgrowing past laws and provisions of yesterday will not meet our needs to-day. But in adapting ourselves to new conditions we must not mistake mere innovation for real betterment.

Ideas from North, South, East and West must be brought together and stripped of their local coloring, be focused into a national policy.

The extension question will, as usual, be prominent, and we believe the conservative course of our Supreme Council, in granting charters only to schools of high standing and assured stability, will be indorsed and continued. While it is still desirable to enter the leading colleges wherever favorable opportunity offers, yet with our present charter roll we can afford to devote a large share of our energies to internal development and to leave all doubtful openings to those more anxious for new territory than ourselves.

Much has been said during the year concerning a national fraternity club house to be erected on Lookout mountain. It is understood that Bro. Oscar Peeples of Tenn. Mu. has generously offered to donate the fraternity a valuable lot, on the condition that the fraternity shall erect a suitable club house thereon. The convention must go into the details of this offer and devise ways and means for carrying out the fraternities' part if it is found to be feasible to accept the offer.

The convention of fraternity men which met in Chicago July 9, decided to make a collective exhibit of badges, catalogues, stationary, emblems, magazines, pictures, flags, etc., at the World's Fair. Bro. W. L. Lowrie, representative of S. A.

E. at this meeting, will no doubt present his report at Chattanooga and as the time is limited it will require some energetic measures to prepare a creditable display.

The similarity in the badges of several of the fraternities is a source of confusion and sometimes of annoyance. The writer has on several occasions attempted to give the grip of S. A. E. to unsuspecting D. K. E.'s, and has had the grip of Phi Gamma Delta fairly thrust upon him in spirit of expostulations. This state of affairs has led to a movement on the part of some fraternities to make their pins more distinctive and uniform. Theta Delta Chi was the pioneer and D. K. E. has followed suit. S. A. E. might wisely take similar action as we are one of four using the diamond shaped badge. Through the kindness of Wright Kay & Co. of Detroit, Mich., we are in possession of a pin which we propose to present to the Chattanooga convention for consideration. With some modifications it might be well to adopt it, as the official and exclusive badge of S. A. E. The advantages of such a badge are not only that it is distinctive and not so liable to be mistaken for that of another fraternity, but that it limits the price of badges to a reasonable amount within the reach of all. High priced and fancily jeweled badges are more ornamental than useful. Our badge loses its true significance when converted into a piece of gaudy jewelry and worn for its glitter rather than because it represents ideals, compared with whose purity, the rarest gems are base. It is highly important, appropriate, and politic that every member should wear a pin, yet the writer knows of one chapter in which thirteen men refused to buy or wear pins because their pocket books did not permit them to follow the pace set by the fourteenth man in purchasing a highly ornamental emblem. Our pin should be neat, it should be uniform, not too expensive, but above all *it should be worn*.

A special badge for alumni is suggested. Two things our alumni as a rule will not do. They will not subscribe for the RECORD and they will not wear their college badges. If a

badge can be devised that the alumni will wear, it is a consumation devoutly to be wished. It should be in the form of a charm or a button, and not too expensive.

Work on the catalogue is not progressing as fast as is desirable. The Grand Chapters have been negligent in some cases and unless they make a better showing toward the close of the year than they did at the opening should be relieved of their responsibility. The office was not intended to be merely ornamental.

The song book is now in vigorous hands and by the time convention meets will no doubt be ready for definite action. Other matters of interest to be acted upon will be the flag, paraphernalia, revision of the yell, etc.

Province D. is overgrown and must be divided, some say into two provinces, others four. We believe the latter number is the correct one unless the whole province system is overhauled. But to so increase the number of our provinces will necessitate a revision of our scheme of government and to properly adjust this matter will require the most serious thought of the delegates. It is claimed by those who are in a position to know that six members make an unwieldy council and that to increase the number is utterly out of the question.

On the other hand a small province is much easier looked after than a large one and as our province presidents will probably be under graduates as a rule and are un-salaried we must not overload them if we desire the best results. Personally we favor provinces of from four to eight chapters and a supreme council independent of the province presidents.

There are no more enthusiastic, open-hearted and loyal Sigs than our Chattanooga brothers and from the reports we receive they are making every effort to insure the success of the coming convention. Hotel accommodations, a convention hall and railroad rates are being looked after. But unfortunately enthusiasm does not make up for lack of numbers. They are

only a small band and mostly young professional and business men who have only been out of school one, two and three years. As guests of these brothers we must be considerate and make our stay an occasion of pleasure to them and not a burden. The convention will close with a banquet, that is the way conventions have of closing, but it would be manifestly unjust under the circumstances for us to allow these few men to pay for it. It would be an imposition on good nature. The matter can easily be arranged by each chapter instructing its delegate to look after his share of the banquet expenses. We are informed that this is the regular custom in some fraternities and we trust our chapters will act heartily and promptly on the matter and thus relieve any possible embarrassments.

Many are no doubt already anxiously studying the railway maps and schedules to ascertain the best route for reaching Chattanooga. Delegates from the north, south-east and south-west will find the beautiful "Queen & Crescent" route and its connections by far the most desirable and convenient. Its equipment is the best and the scenery along the entire line is superb. The daylight ride from Cincinnati to Chattanooga, taking one as it does through the heart of the famous blue grass region of Kentucky, and the mountains of Kentucky will be a pleasant memory for a life time.

We hope that the delegates from Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and New England can arrange to rendezvous in Cincinnati and proceed to Chattanooga in a body, thus adding congenial fellowship to the other pleasures of the trip.

It has been our fortune to attend the meeting of two chapters that illustrate two extremes of fraternity life.

At one the chairs were arranged in two stiff rows along the sides of the room. When the gavel fell a quiet reigned amounting almost to solemnity. The presiding officer put on his official dignity, the ritual was produced and followed punctiliously, order after order of business was disposed of with decorum,

the closing exercises were reached, the fraternity benediction pronounced, and the members seized their hats and coats and rushed from the hall as if glad to escape from so serious an affair.

At the other the chairs were not arranged at all but simply bunched. Just how or when the meeting began was hard to discover. Ritual there was none, order of business ditto, everything was transacted in a most informal manner and the gossip of the college and the fraternity schemes were sandwiched between the various items of business in a most entertaining manner; and after the last business was disposed of the members still lingered in the hall and the conversation continued.

In the one, the leading thought is order and ceremony; the fraternity is an organization to which the members owe allegiance and they meet and go through with its prescribed form and ceremonies largely as a matter of duty.

In the other the social idea predominates, the members come together for an hour or two of social chat, during which business is attended to incidentally. These are two extreme cases but of the two we believe the latter approaches more nearly the true fraternity meeting.

The matters of business and the ceremonial forms should be made incidents and not objects of the chapter meeting; the idea of good fellowship should rule. Draw close to each other and forget for a few hours the specter of unprepared lessons, the class feuds, the literary society rivalries and the perplexities of the future, and endeavor to remember only that you are in a company of congenial friends to whom you are bound by the strongest ties aside from those of blood.

A proper blending of the two meetings we have attempted to describe would produce a happy medium. A strict observance of the ritual is desirable and in that respect the first meeting is the better of the two. No one can listen to the words of our ritual without being impressed with the beauty of its thought and the nobility of its teachings. The members may go away without knowing more of each other or being more closely

drawn together, but each one will be impressed with the ideals of his fraternity and will insensibly receive an influence whose ennobling imprint will be stamped on his future life. But aside from the ritual let there be as little formality as possible, and after the gavel is dropped do not rush from the hall as though it is infected with cholera but tarry to sing the songs, tell the stories and scheme the schemes, and when you do separate let it be with a realization of the pleasures and inspirations of worthy associations and the feeling that you have been drawn more closely together in the bonds of brotherly affection.

We are in receipt of but two annuals, the *La Vie*, of Pennsylvania State College and the *Unonian*, of Mt. Union College. The former was published before the introduction of S. A. E. there. Mechanically it is one of the finest we have ever examined and its literary work is of a high order. The illustrations are profuse and costly. Every class and chapter has its steel plate. The *Unonian* is less imposing in appearance but is not lacking in the merit of its productions. It has brother C. C. Starr as editor and contains several fine poems from the pen of Bro. H. C. Burger.

We have urged on several occasions that the chapters publish annually a circular letter giving a full report of their condition, achievements, etc. We are glad to note that Ohio Sigma has published such a report and mailed it to her alumni and sister chapters. It shows that the chapter had during last year twenty-eight active members, ten fraters in urbe, won one oratorical honor, three by election and eight field day medals. During the year it had twenty-two visitors.

The RECORD has a running mate. Number one of the *Hustler*—a name more suggestive than elegant—the secret publication of S. A. E., has been issued from Atlanta with Bro. H. S. Bunting as editor and Bro. G. H. Bunting as manager. It is a neatly gotten up pamphlet of thirty-two pages brim full of

food for active workers. In style it is crisp and pointed and every line bubbles with the overflowing enthusiasm of its editor. The S. A. E. could not have chosen more wisely than in selecting Bro. Bunting for this important work. The review of the chapters reveals an intimate knowledge of their condition and needs. Matters of extension and finance are treated with a freedom not permissible in the RECORD. The *Hustler* will send a new current of life blood coursing through S. A. E. It will be the grand connecting link between the active workers, a tonic to the disheartened and a whip to the sluggards. The editor of the RECORD claims the honor of having first pointed out the necessity of such a publication and feels an especial solicitude in its success. As it is mailed without money and without price to any member of the fraternity, active or alumnus, upon application, it should have a large circulation. We urge the alumni subscribers to the RECORD to drop Bro. Bunting a card and find out just what S. A. E. workers are doing and saying. Address Geo. H. Bunting, 80 Marietta street, Atlanta, Georgia.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Ga. Beta—University of Georgia, Athens.

Old Beta "Bobs up serenely" this year with eighteen men, and sends greetings and best wishes to all other Sigs.

We have just finished our battle for new men and hasten to send a letter to the RECORD, for Beta has made a pledge this year to have a letter in each RECORD and to be prompt in chapter correspondence. We have received several copies of the *Hustler* and believe it to be the very thing our fraternity needs. We appreciate its advice to us and shall profit by its warnings. The necessity of closer relations between the different chapters

of the farternity can not be urged too much, and general fraternity enthusiasm is a thing greatly to be desired. We are not wanting in local enthusiasm, nor could we well be with nine new men to introduce into Sigdom, and have at last awakened to the necessity of closer relations with our sister chapters. So Beta comes forward this year with the battle flag of enthusiasm waving, surrounded by eighteen of Sigma's most loyal sons.

After careful, hard work we have selected the following new men to be brothers in *Σ A E*: Wallace Bacon, law class; F. M. Lockhart, class '95; J. B. Lockhart, class '95; Malcolm Lockhart, class '95; Agnew Hilsman, class '95; David C. Barrow, Jr., class '95; Craig Barrow, class '96; Johnnie Gerdine, class '96; Henry Hillyer, class '96; and feel confident that the "purple and old gold" could not be put on nine better men. Our old men are represented here by Bros. Barfield, Taylor, Draper, D. C. Barrow, Butler, Moore, Aline and Wilkins; while Bros. Seale Harris and M. McHenry Hull have left us for the University of Virginia, where they will take a special course in medicine.

But our joy is mixed with bitter grief, for the "angel of death" has been in our midst and taken our beloved Bros. Thos. Cobb Hull and Bolling A. Stovall from us, and their bright, genial faces are seen no more. Death certainly loves a shining mark, for two brighter, nobler boys never lived.

We are now busy trying to collect data for the new catalogue, but so far only one chapter in our province has made a report. We find our alumni very slow in answering our letters on the subject. Wishing you all the best success, I remain

Yours fraternally, NOEL M'HENRY MOORE.

Ga. Psi—Mercer University, Macon.

Since our last letter to the RECORD we have had five men to graduate. However, eight of our boys returned at the beginning of the term fully aroused to the interest of our chapter.

We have made some decided improvements in our hall and expect ere long to make it a model one.

The term opened with a large number of new students, but not many desirable ones for Psi.

We have initiated only one man—L. A. Cooper of Cedartown, Ga. It is with pleasure we present him to the fraternity, feeling assured that he will prove a good worker.

I am glad to say that in the literary societies, as well as every other part of our college studies, Psi still maintains her own. In the election Saturday, Oct. 8, for champion debater from the two societies, out of six we have three places.

We are very much grieved to say that neither Bros. Brown nor G. and W. Johns will be with us this term.

With best wishes that this will be the brightest year in our history, I am Yours fraternally, CARL W. MINOR.

Ga. Phi—Ga. School of Technology, Atlanta.

Phi begins the session with very bright prospects and high hopes. Eight of her old men, with one initiated at the end of the last session, returned to college, their love and enthusiasm for $\Sigma A E$ glowing with a bright flame.

On the 21st of last June William Henree Harrison of Atlanta, class '95, was initiated. The term closed with thirteen names upon our chapter roll. We lost by graduation two men whom it will be hard to replace, men who were for $\Sigma A E$ heart and soul, Bros. James Weldon Bridge and George Freeman. Bro. Bridge was a jolly good fellow, with well deserved popularity. Bro. Freeman was awarded one of the three reader's places in the commencement exercises. To Bro. Freeman's indefatigable exertions is due the establishment of this chapter. He was at all times the moving spirit of the chapter, fanning the enthusiasm of his brothers into a lasting flame. His name will long be cherished in our midst. He is now with the Hammond Fertilizer company of Savannah. Bro. Jackson and Bro. Wylie did not return.

We have added three new names to our roll, Sherwood Frank Jeter, class of '93; Joseph Adger Stewart and William Henry Patterson, both in the class of '96, and all of Atlanta. We are justly proud of these three men. We hope to still increase our membership in a short time.

We are glad to see Epsilon at Emory re-established. Emory is one of the finest colleges in the South, numbering nearly three hundred students, and it was a shame to have ever allowed the chapter to die out. I had the pleasure of being present with Bros. Harry and George Bunting and J. King Stewart during the first week of the session. The men are all fine fellows and are very enthusiastic. May the purple and gold long wave in triumph over old Emory's hall.

Phi is elegantly quartered in the halls of the Knights of Pythias in the central portion of the city. We have quite a number of enthusiastic alumni members in the city who meet with us.

Owing to the loss by fire of the mechanical building of the college in April the attendance is not so large as hoped for, and consequently the number of available men among the new students is limited, but we have a splendid chapter, and, as I said, hope to still increase our roll. The shops are being rebuilt and will be completed in the near future.

We are all delighted with our new secret quarterly, the *Hustler*, and think it a great thing. Our Bros. Bunting deserve much credit for their efforts in that line.

Wishing all our sister chapters a happy and prosperous year and extending to our new sisters a hearty welcome, I am

Faternally, ROGERS WADDELL DAVIS.

Georgia Epsilon—Emory College, Oxford.

The Emory *Σ A E*'s send greetings to their new brothers in the Greek bonds. We are as yet not experienced enough in fraternity work and life to take a prominent stand in the galaxy of *Σ A E*'s chapters, but we want you to know that Georgia Epsilon has been received, is now wide-awake and

has begun to move actively. We hope before long to win your attention and approval by the good work we do in the cause of our splendid order.

The reorganization of *ΣΑΕ* at Emory College dates from September 21st, the morning college opened the new year, when four of us—Bros. Lee, McRae, Thompson and Le Conte—appeared wearing the diamond emblem of the fraternity, in company with Bros. Harry S. and George H. Bunting of Atlanta, who were perfecting the organization. Just as we began work, however, the former was called back to Atlanta suddenly; but the latter remained with us a week, and it is only just to say that the chief credit for the work done belongs to Bro. Harry Bunting. Besides these brothers, W. S. Johns of the Mercer chapter, Rogers Davis and J. King Stewart, who live adjacent, were with us off and on, giving us much encouragement and inspiring enthusiasm in our enterprise.

The new chapter has initiated nine men up to date, but we have lost two already, so but seven remain. We are not discouraged in this misfortune, but it is rather hard that it should have fallen just at this time. However, it serves to nerve us to duty, and will push us to further conquests among the new material. Another man, Mr. Hines of the freshman class, has been pledged and will join us soon. He is probably the best man in his class. Other good men have been asked and some others are under consideration. From the start we have made an enviable reputation for the standard of membership and our chapter's personnel has been much complimented by our rivals. Here is a list of Epsilon's initiates:

'93, Robert Edward Lee, Hogansville, Ga.

'93, Joseph Nisbet Le Conte, Adairsville, Ga.

'94, Lewis Benning Rumph, Marshallville, Ga.

'94, Richard Cox Cleckler, Fairburn, Ga.

'95, William Danner Thompson, Atlanta, Ga.

'95, William Troy Bivings, Dalton, Ga.

'96, John Colen McRae, Walden, Ga.

'96, Thomas Samuel Hawes, Bainbridge, Ga.

'96, William Ellington Morgan, La Grange, Ga.

On organization we elected officers as follows: Le Conte, E. A.; McRae, E. D. A.; Lee, E. R.; Rumph, E. T.; Hawes, E. H.; Clecker, E. W., and Thompson, E. C. All have entered actively on the work of their offices. Bro. Thompson, especially, who is one of the best hustlers of our new chapter, is desirous of hearing immediately from every E. C. in the fraternity. We need such encouragement, and see that the constitution and laws give us the right to expect it, although very few letters have come up to date.

We have made no arrangements about a hall yet, but hope to get one in Seney hall, where one was given to the $\Sigma A E$ fraternity in 1882.

The other fraternities here are $K A$, $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$, $A T Q$, $X \Phi$, $\Lambda T \Lambda$ and $E N$. As a rule the chapters run from twenty to thirty men. All the older fraternities gave $\Sigma A E$ a warm welcome back to the Greek circle at Emory, $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$ paying us the courtesy of writing resolutions of welcome. The very best feeling exists among the different chapters. It is our wish to stimulate this state of affairs. We are friends of all and to all.

The new brothers are greatly pleased with both the *RECORD* and the *Hustler*, and have entered into the spirit of the order in wishing for the new catalogue and the song book. We pronounce in favor of an active, judicious extension, and all local developments. Allow us to say in closing that we think the world of all our new relations, and hope to make Georgia Epsilon shine in the annals of $\Sigma A E$.

J. NISBET LE CONTE

Ga. Sigma Alumnus—Savannah.

There are perhaps more members of $\Sigma A E$ in Savannah than of any other Greek letter society. We are represented in nearly all lines of business and also in the professions.

One of our number, W. W. Osborne, Ga. Psi '85, and Ga.

Beta '85, has just been elected a member of the Lower House of this State's General Assembly. Bro. Osborne led the entire ticket. Among the lawyers are H. E. Wilson, Ga. Delta '80; W. W. Osborne, Ga. Beta, '85; Davis Freeman, Beta, '83; U. H. McLaws, Delta '80; T. M. Cunningham, Jr., Beta '88; Geo. A. Mercer Jr. Beta '88; A. R. Wright, Ga. Psi '84; J. Ferris Cann Beta; B. A. Denmark, Ga. Beta '71; W. L. Clay, Beta '86. M. McG. Stewart, Beta '87, and junior member of the firm of Jas. F. Stewart & Son, cotton factors, became a benedict on June 22. On that date he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Jones, of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. Jno. D. Carswell, Beta '86, and Henry Freeman, Beta '84, are insurance men, Bro. Carswell being with W. H. Daniel, and Bro. Freeman, junior member of J. F. Wheaton & Co. G. A. Whitehead, Jr., Beta '88, is a merchandise broker. Bro. H. G. Ganahl, Beta '76, is chief clerk at the Pulaski house, this city. A. B. Palmer, Psi '82, is a hardware merchant. L. R. Jeter, Psi '75, is contracting freight agent for the E. T. V. & G. R. R., with headquarters in Savannah. James W. Ryals is with Esteve & Co. T. F. Stubbs, Psi '70, is the head of the prosperous cotton house of Stubbs & Titson. I do not at present recall the names of any other Sigs resident in or near Savannah.

Georgia's next legislature will have among its members no less than seven *S' & E's*.

Geo. H. Bunting, and who has not heard of the Bunting boys, has been in the city on business for two days past.

I have had no very recent news of the Lookout Mountain club-house scheme. I am very much interested in the successful consumation of the plan. I do not believe anything would be of greater benefit to the Fraternity of our choice than just such a home. I have had no news from Ga. Psi, but the reports from Ga. Beta, Ga. Phi, and newly reestablished Epsilon are very encouraging.

Each successive number of the RECORD under the present management has been an improvement on its predecessor, and

now I am looking for the November number to eclipse all former efforts. I had almost forgotten to mention Dr. F. Cheatham Wilson, dentist, Ga. Delta '80. Bro. Wilson completed his course at the Baltimore dental college this past year and he not only won the highest honors of his class but made the second highest average ever made in that college. Bro. Wilson is the best rifle shot in this part of the country.

GEO. FREEMAN.

Ga. Alpha Alumnus, Atlanta.

The summer has been an eventful one for Ga. Alpha Alumnus. Sigs have come and gone with us, Sigs have been successful in fraternity work, Sigs have won honors in the battles of life, and Sigs have been defeated. But Atlanta is still a great Sig city, and the town is full of them. Besides there are more all the time coming.

Bro. N. L. Hutchins, Jr., (Ga. Beta) of Lawrenceville, has located here and hung out his law shingle. Bro. W. A. Marshall (Ala. Alpha Mu) has accepted a position in the city with Hall Bros., civil engineers. Bro. Iverson L. Graves (Ga. Epsilon) is in the firm of Jackson & Jackson (S. A. E,s) attorneys for the Richmond & Danville railroad. Bro. O. B. Hartzog (S. C. Phi) is here studying pharmacy; and Bro. T. E. Halbert (Tenn. Lambda) is attending the Medical College. Bro. A. L. Atwood (Ga. Psi.) has permanently located in Atlanta and is with *The Evening Herald*. So you see there are many recruits to Alpha Alumni. But there are losses too. A few weeks ago death removed one of the bright young Sigs of Atlanta, Mr. Ben Hill Thompson, who was a member of Ga. Beta. He had been an invalid for many months. He was the favorite grandson of the late distinguished senator, for whom he was named, and was early adopted by him into his immediate family. Before his illness of paralysis he was a successful insurance man.

In the line of victories: Bro. Harvey Johnson (Ga. Beta), one

of the brainiest young politicians of Georgia, and a model Sig, was elected a representative in the state legislature from Fulton County, polling the largest vote, of six contestants, some of them old and faithful members of that body heretofore. This is the advent of this young brother into public service, but we predict it will not close his political career. His future is bright.

In fraternity work we are not idle. Under the auspices of Ga. Alpha Alumni, the first two copies of the *Hustler* are presented to the fraternity with the hope that they have given satisfaction. Then we have succeeded finally in the scheme at Emory College, and Ga. Epsilon walks erect once more. H. S. Bunting and your scribe were present at the opening of school, and succeeded, with the help of visiting brothers, in getting the chapter thoroughly organized and in running order. We are proud of the chapter and ask for it your E. C's. best encouragement.

The "Tech" opened last week and the Ga. Phi boys are back early and at duty. We think the chapter will do fine work this year, although necessarily against heavy odds.

Before closing I want to ask the chapters working at extension to keep on knocking away, and let us see if we don't repeat the glorious work of last year in this direction. Greetings to the brothers everywhere. Fraternally, GEO. H. BUNTING.

Alabama Mu, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

This should be a time for all Sigdom to rejoice. The prospects for Mu's growth and onward march were never brighter. It is to be hoped that we will not appear too egotistic in our letter, but Mu has come to stay. We have suffered disappointments but "such is life." Every member of our chapter returned with the exception of Bro. Seaborn Purifoy, who is studying medicine. We have quite a valuable addition to our chapter in Bro. Smith, of the law class, who is from Alpha Mu chapter. Our honors in military offices for this year are: John Little, second lieutenant of "B" company; Thomas Maxwell, second

lieutenant of "C" company; James Powers, third lieutenant of company "A"; Collier Monroe, third sargeant of company A.

Athletics are booming. Bro. Powers plays short-stop on the ball team. Bro. Eli Abbott, a graduate of Mississippi Sub-Rosa Theta, who has charge of the government works at this place, is taking a course in engineering, and is hiding his face behind the mask on our team. Dr W. B. Hall, Tenn. Omega, of the Alabama Insane hospital, is taking a course in chemistry and meets regularly with the chapter, he is E. A. Up to this time (Oct. 11) we have made but four initiations; Bros. Stephen H. Strickland, of Woodstock, Junior class, first sargeant company "D"; Samuel B. Sloane, sophomore class, Lebanon; Richard Little, sophomore class, Tuscaloosa; Graham Parker, freshman class, a son of our professor of modern languages. The chapter now numbers fourteen, but, brother Sigs, this don't near "tell the tale."

We will make the "goat" exercise vigorously upon six "rats" before another week passes. With a united strike Mu will number twenty-five members when next commencement comes upon us. The *Hustler* was read with much interest and enthusiasm. Bro. Harry Bunting, of Atlanta, made the writer a flying visit this past vacation. His visit was invaluable to Mu in giving us pointers, and creating a new life. A plan is now on foot to erect a national chapter house on the University campus, and to have the convention meet in Tuscaloosa in 1896, in which year the fraternity will be forty years old. Right here, wake up, brothers alumni, we need your assistance on all sides. Much success to all chapters, young and old. Yours in everlasting ties of $\Sigma A E$. WILLIAM MITCHELL ADAMS.

Ala. Iota—Southern University, Greensborough.

With the session of 1892-93 opens the fairest page in the history of Iota. The commencement just past took from among us some of our most enthusiastic brothers, but fresh laurels were placed upon the brow of $\Sigma A E$. When the distribution

of honors was made, Bro. D. J. Castleman received the essayist medal which is considered the highest honor conferred; while Bro. Robert Mangum was our representative in the Soph. prize declamation.

This year we have so far received our share of honors, having two men on the staff of the monthly and one debator in the inter-society contest to be held in December. We have initiated seven new men and with eight brothers who returned we have a splendid chapter. Our initiates are; James Cross, Bes-simer, Ala.; William Ellison Floyd, Clayton, Ala.; Charles Walter Vaughn, Sunny South, Ala.; Alfred William Dupey, Huffman, Ala.; Armistead Inge Selden, Greensborough, Ala.; Edgar William Long, Jaspar, Ala.; Harry Andrew Taylor, Meridian, Miss. The four fraternities here look upon each other in a friendly manner and between them the best of feelings exist.

Our officers for the term are: J. W. Eckford, E. A.; Jas. S. Freeman, E. D. A.; J. R. Sparkman, E. C.; W. E. Martin, E. R.; J. O. Long, E. H.; B. C. Hunter, E. T.; P. M. Long, E. W.; C. H. Motley, E. Ch.

Fraternally,

CHAS. H. MOTLEY.

Ala. Alpha-Mu—Ala. A. and M. College, Auburn.

Alpha Mu sends greeting to all chapters, especially the new ones. This has been one of the most successful years that our chapter has ever had. On the 20th of May last we had the pleasure of initiating into the sacred and solemn mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Mr. Lee Ashcraft, of Florence, Ala; he is now a member of the senior class, captain of Co. "K" and one of Alpha Mu's most enthusiastic workers.

At our commencement last June we had seven out of fifteen speakers; we were also successful in winning two out of three medals.

Bro. Geo. B. Eager, (Tex. Theta '58) of the First Baptist church at Montgomery, Ala., preached our commencement ser-

mon. He delivered an able and scholarly sermon in a masterly manner. An address taking the place of the baccalaureate address was delivered by our president and brother, William Le Roy Brown, in which he reviewed the history of this institution for the past twenty years. The address was appreciated very much and was published by the leading daily newspapers of the state.

We had the pleasure of seeing here during commencement, Bros. T. S., J. D., C. I. and J. C. Mell, of Athens, Ga.; Bro. J. A. Reeves, Tenn. Lambda, (Murfreesboro), who is now state examiner for Alabama; Bro. F. M. Fontaine, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and A. St. C. Dunstan, of the John Hopkins University.

The 19th of September found all back but three, Bros. Pou, Boyd and Griggs not returning. With Smith, Mell, Millen, Little, Boykin, Ashcraft, Andrews, Rudolph, Brown and Trammell on deck we launched forth into the ranks of the barbarians, finding seven of them worthy enough to become wearers of the purple and gold.

Our first initiate came in the person of Henry H. Kyser, of Talledega, Ala. He was led to the altar of *Σ Α Ε* on Sept. 20, and there we revealed to him the precepts and teachings of our noble order; likewise on Sept. 23, the following were made knights of *Σ Α Ε*: Langdon B. Gammon, of Rome, Ga.; Chas. Linn, of Birmingham, Ala.; Albin Reeves, of Centre, Ala.; S. L. Coleman, of Uniontown, Ala.; on Sept. 24, Erister Ashcraft, of Florence, Ala., and lastly, on Oct. 14, Mr. W. A. Tippin, of Ferry Pass, Fla. With these men we have no fear of the future standing of *Σ Α Ε* at the Ala A. & M. college.

Our chapter roll has increased from nine to sixteen, seven in senior class, two in junior, four in sophomore and three in freshman. Bros. Brown and Trammell are taking post graduate courses in civil and electrical engineering.

In the coming annual debate between the Wirt and Websterian societies we have secretary and two debators. In the recent election of officers in the senior class the offices of president, vice president, orator and historian were filled by our men.

Athletic sports have secured a strong foothold in our college. Last year we won the southern foot ball championship, defeating the university of Ga. This year a series of games will be played in Atlanta beginning about November 24th ; teams from the following places will participate : Vanderbilt University, Universities of Va. and Ga., and the Ala. A. & M. College.

Fraternities represented here are *A T O*, *K A*, *Φ Δ Θ*, *Σ N*, and *Δ K E*; all have chapters except *Δ K E* which has only one man.

We hope to see every chapter represented by at least one delegate in the next convention at Chattanooga. Alpha Mu is enthusiastic on the subject and intends to have at least four delegates. It promises to be a grand success and one of the largest gatherings of Sigs that we have ever had.

With friendly regards to all, I am

Yours fraternally, WALTER S. CRUMP.

S. C. Delta—S. C. College, Columbia.

Dear Bros.: Chapter Delta sends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes that the auspices of the present year are such as to be encouraging.

The prospects for Delta are much brighter than they were last year. We have taken in one man, Bro. H. N. Edmunds, a bright and genial fellow. We have also pledged another man. We will present a very strong front to our rivals this year.

Delta is strongly in favor of the national fraternity house scheme and she will do her part in making it a success. We were delighted with the first issue of the secret bulletin. We have elected our delegate to the Chattanooga convention.

Some of the chapters in our province are very tardy in writing, especially concerning the catalogue.

Wishing all the chapters a prosperous year, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

E. W. WELSON.

S. C. Gamma—Wofford College, Spartanburg.

Our boys are together again. The loss of seven seniors by graduation last year—half of our number in '91—had no effect on the standing of the fraternity. To the hard work and enthusiastic interest of these we are indebted for our present good condition. The high standard they gave the chapter has enabled them to get men in their stead, who, if unable to have the honor of re-establishing, will have the honor of perpetuating on the highest plane, Gamma chapter of S. A. E.

Our chapter this year numbers the same as last—fourteen. These are rather irregularly distributed among the classes; one Senior, two Juniors, six Sophs and five Freshmen. These are as it is, holding their own well; but it is certain that two years will put us to the very front of the Greek letter societies in Wofford.

At the commencement last term, we took one or two honors. The Preston Society gave Bro. Henry Stokes the place of Junior Marshal. J. O. Norton obtained the essay medal awarded by the Calhoun Society.

Bros. Riley and Willis of last years' graduating class did the work required for an H. M. degree in their Sr. year; but owing to a regulation of the Faculty they cannot obtain that degree until next commencement. Only one other man has done this in the history of our college.

The officers of our chapter are: E. A., Henry Stokes; E. D. H., J. D. Humbert; E. R., J. H. Clyburn; E. C., J. O. Norton; E. T., Wm. Coleman.

Fraternally, J. O. NORTON.

N. C. Xi—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Xi opened this year with eight old men, one of whom—Bro. M. L. John of the law school—has left for his home, having secured his law license. We have initiated six men all of the class of '96 whom we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large. They are Bros. F. F. Bohnson, W. B. Lemly and J. F. Shaffner, Jr., all of Salem, N. C., F. R. Harly and R.

Van Landingham both of Charlotte, N. C., and A. H. London of Pittsboro, N. C.

Bros. Shaffner and London each have two older brothers who are alumni of this chapter.

Bro. George W. Connor, who was our only graduate last year, was on the campus with us for a few days at the opening of the session.

Our total number at present is 13 men divided among the classes as follows: two Seniors, three Juniors, two Sophomores and six Freshmen.

The enrollment in college this year is the largest they have had since 1860--61 when there were nearly 500 men enrolled. At present it is 285 and will certainly reach 330 or 335 before the session closes.

The "fresh" class this year numbers over 100 and there are 75 in the schools of law and medicine.

The initiates of the ten active chapters here this year do not amount to over forty as there was so little fraternity material to pick from.

While it is early yet for honors to be received I might mention a few that have been received by us even thus early. Bro. Rondthaler is Pres. of the Y. M. C. A. and Pres. of the coming inter-society debate and Bro. W. R. Kenan Jr., is Secretary-Treasurer of the Athletic Association.

Six of our chapter belong to the University German Club (membership is limited to forty). Bro. Bohannon '96 is on the Glee Club and nearly all the chapter belong to tennis clubs.

This year we have strengthened ourselves in this state very much by the initiation of three men from Salem, which now gives us thirteen men in the growing city of Winston-Salem, and also by the initiation of two men from Charlotte, which gives us now fifteen men in that place which at one time was such an S. A. E. stronghold and on which we feared we had lost our grip. But now with two active members and thirteen alumni, Charlotte as an S. A. E. stronghold may be relied upon to do her duty.

We gladly welcomed the secret bulletin which has recently been published and think it is just what we have been needing for some time, for it certainly stirs up the enthusiasm a man has in him and will result in very great good to the fraternity.

Our officers are as follows: Bro. H. E. Rondthaler is E. A.; J. L. Gilmer E. D. A.; J. L. Patterson E. R.; H. H. Atkinson E. T.; A. B. Andrews, Jr., E. C.; Bruce Cotton E. Chi.; W. R. Renan, Jr., E. W.; and A. H. London, E. H.

We are very glad to welcome the new chapters and are especially glad to welcome back again to the number our Mother Chapter Mu. We think judicious extension is the life of a fraternity but also think it should be carried on carefully and a most thorough examination made by the chapters voting on the application of the petitioners before they vote to grant a charter.

We would like to suggest to the next convention the idea of making its meetings biennial and on the years when the convention does not meet, have a province convention or council to meet with some one of the active chapters in each province and transact any business which may come before it affecting that province only.

It seems to the writer that by these means the chapters would be brought into more closer relations with each other and better and larger attendance would be secured certainly at the province conventions and more interest would be stirred up in the affairs of each province and in the fraternity at large.

The gatherings could be arranged for some time in the term and if there was any inter-collegiate contest, foot-ball, base-ball, tennis tournament, oratorical contest or athletic exhibition going on at or about the same time it would serve to induce many of the alumni to be present at such gatherings.

Hoping that the other chapters are all prosperous and enjoying the greatest success possible,

I am fraternally, A. B. ANDREWS, Jr.

N. C. Theta—Davidson College, Davidson.

Although we lost three men by graduation last June, there were thirteen gathered in our hall on Sept. 8th ready to embark upon another year of work and pleasure.

Since then our roll has lengthened and now we number sixteen as genuine Sigs as ever wore a badge. Bro. C. Miller of S. C. is with us this year and we have initiated two very fine boys, N. H. McGilvary, of Siam, and—Chambers of Statesville, N. C. We take pleasure in introducing these brothers to the Sig world.

Bro. John L. Douglas, '88, is with us again and a valuable addition he is, too. Bro. Ben Douglas was compelled to abandon his course a few years ago, so he began teaching and in this field he has succeeded admirably well. He had climbed to the top and took a worthy stand among South Carolina teachers. Bro. Douglas resigned the control of the city schools of Chester in order to complete his education. He is going to Johns Hopkins next fall seeking a "Ph. D."

Dr. Summy, of S. W. P. N., spoke of Bro. Wharey as the double barrel man because he took so many honors last June, on the day of his graduation. Bro. Wharey took first honor, won the debator's and essayist's medals and was the recipient of a handsome gavel presented by his class, upon which was engraved "Our President," '92. It is not Theta's principle to herald her college honors, even to brothers, yet we hope the above digression will be pardoned.

Our officers for the ensuing term will be, Bro. J. L. Douglas, E. A.; Bro. J. R. Schenck, E. D. A.; Bro. C. S. Matthews, E. R.; Bro. F. H. Wardlow, E. T.; Bro. H. Mack, E. C.; Bro. W. Fairley, E. H.; Bro. Jno. R. Scenck, E. Chi., and your humble servant the Chapt. Ed. Let Bro. Mack hear from you, sister chapters, we are always glad to receive your letters.

Theta has three rival frats to deal with, the *K A*, *K Σ* and *B θ Π*; they average about thirteen on their rolls. We are on good terms with our rivals and feel that we have the good will of all. Competition waxes rather warm at the opening of the

term and Frat lines are drawn right clearly. We have had occasion in the past to denounce certain methods adopted in working new men, other than this everything runs smoothly.

The non-frats here form a good sober class of boys. Last year, however, they seized the reins in societies and determined to run things, but they soon saw the folly of their way and turned from it. Our literary societies are not controlled by any Frat. or class of men, merit alone rules. *Σ A E* receives a full quota of honors.

The *Hustler* was read with a great deal of pleasure and it inspired some of its zeal and enthusiasm into the hearts of Sigs here, we are sure. This little organ is certainly a true likeness of its master, Bro. Bunting.

We are proud of our RECORD and feel that for the same amount of money and paper no Frat. can boast of a better. Its superiority is due to the excellent management of Bro. Cowan, no one will doubt. Having found the right man for the right place, *Σ A E* should contribute liberally to the RECORD and have its size increased that it may be a true representative of *Σ A E*. What say you Bro. Sigs? Let's talk about this at Chattanooga.

We hear from several quarters that old S. C. Mu is as hardy as ever and that she springs from her grave the ruler of Frat. affairs—*Vive la!* S. C. Mu.

It is not too early to talk about the convention which is to meet at Chattanooga and the topics which are likely to be discussed there. Go to the convention, boys, that's the place to catch the spirit of a true national Sig.

Theta sends greetings to her sister kephs, old and new, north and south, east and west.

We have spared no pains in getting up our data for the new catalogue but find it impossible to have our Mss. in shape by the 12th inst. Do hope we can have it very soon.

Yours fraternally,

H. R. MURCHISON.

Va Sigma—Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

Our chapter is generally considered to be a dead chapter but we have determined this year to awake from our lethargy and do active work for our beloved fraternity. Our correspondent has not yet returned to College but is expected in a few days. As soon as he returns he will write you a long letter for the RECORD.

Yours fraternally, R. A. BAKER.

Tenn. Omega—University of the South, Sewanee.

Since the opening of the year, for the school year begins with us in March, we have received into our midst many men who have taken firm and prominent stands in the different departments of the University. Early in spring we initiated Bros. W. W. Jones, of Shreveport, La.; Willis Goldthwaite, of Galveston, Tex.; J. L. Beckwith, Portsmouth, Va. and Lawrence Hillsman, Albany, Ga. In August we initiated Leon Smith, Shreveport, La.; Sanford Rust, and Richard Hobbs, Albany, Ga. These brothers Tenn. Omega takes great pleasure and pride in presenting to the fraternity.

But we have not escaped without very heavy losses. Bros. B. W. Faison, H. W. Jones, C. P. Cocke and F. L. Coyle have left us in the last two months; Bro. Faison is at his home in Miss.; Bro. Jones is teaching in Ft. Jessup, La.; Bros. Cocke and Coyle have entered the department of Law, the former at the University of Virginia, the latter at Columbia, N. Y. These were all very active members and we will miss them in every way. To the list must be added one of our honorary members, who for some years past has been proctor of the University. He has always taken the greatest interest in our fraternity work and in the individual members.

We look forward with great pleasure to the return, on the 20th inst., of Bro. E. H. Rowell, who for the past year has been teaching in Washington, D. C. He comes to take Bro. Cocke's place as tutor in the classics.

During the summer we were very delightfully entertained at the house of Bro. B. W. Wells. The evening was spent in the very pleasant company of the $\Sigma A E$ girls. All enjoyed the evening and departed agreeing that Mrs. Wells is a most charming hostess.

When the spring term opened we set to work to beautify our grounds and Chapter House. One could at any time see a number of loyal Sigs in their shirt sleeves working like Trojans on the walks, flower beds, grass plots and tennis court. Ere long we succeeded in making the grounds look well and the tennis court the finest on the mountain. We then had the chapter house painted and repaired. So much for exterior. But now the question arose how could we "fix-up" the interior? Well the summer answered that, for it brought the mothers of some of our boys and the sisters and friends and s—ts of some others. These took the greatest possible interest in our Hall and planned among themselves how to help us. I will not give you the particulars but invite you to come and see what they did and judge for yourself if ours is not the coziest and most beautiful Chapter Hall in the fraternity.

During Commencement this summer $\Sigma A E$ played quite a prominent part. The Latin Salutatory was delivered by Bro. C. P. Cocke, who also won the master's medal for Greek. Bro. A. G. Blacklock was awarded the medal for best new member of ΣE Literary Society and Bro. Guerry was anniversary orator of the same. In the debate for the Trent medal Bro. Guerry was one of the two chosen to represent his society. Of the six men chosen to contest for the Lyman medal for declamation $\Sigma A E$ secured two, Bros. Guerry and Blacklock.

One of the greatest social events of the summer, Commencement Hop was led by Bro. F. L. Coyle, President of Senior German club.

Nearly every $\Sigma A E$ takes an active interest in foot ball, and we are all very much excited over the prospects of the coming season. Though Sewanee has been but one year in the lists the team has engagements with the University of Va., University

of Ga., University of Tenn., Vanderbilt University, Washington and Lee University, and the Louisville Athletic Association. Our Chapter hopes to have several men among the chosen sixteen who will compose team and subs.

Tenn. Omega now numbers twenty-four active and four honorary members, all of whom have her interests ever before them. Offices are filled as follows: E. G. A., W. S. Holmes; E. G. D. A., LeGrande Guerry; E. G. C., S. Cary Beckwith; E. G. T. S. G. Noyes; E. G. R., A. B. Hall; E. G. W., A. G. Blacklock; E. G. H., J. M. Smith; E. G. Cron, R. M. Kirby-Smith.

With best wishes for success to our Brothers I remain yours
in bonds of *ΣΑΕ*, S. CARY BECKWITH.

Tenn. Nu—Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Eleven members of Chapter Nu returned this session, with the addition of the five following transfers: W. S. and R. W. Hole and J. L. Davis all of Tenn. Eta. McGwire, of Tenn. Zeta, J. H. Long, of Ala. Iota.

Chapter Nu has of recent years pursued a policy of conservation and independence, notwithstanding we have at present nine rivals to oppose. In consequence, some accuse us of judging men upon their scholarly merits alone. This accusation is a source of no little amusement to our members.

My personal knowledge of the history of our chapter prompts me to say that we have been drifting from this policy in recent years. Scholarship, it is true, should be a potent factor in the make up of a character eligible for membership in an organization founded upon principles such as ours, but of course it should not be carried too far. As every person has individuality so perhaps each chapter is peculiar to itself. One thing is certain, you can always be assured that Chapter Nu is here to stay, and we firmly believe we will win in the race, notwithstanding we may be handicapped with a conservative policy.

Thus far we have initiated only one, but as loyal a brother as knew the significance of Phi Alpha. This is no other than Taylor Sevier, Chattanooga, Tenn. However, we have two others

already pledged and we also have an eye on two or three more.

Athletics here, still continue to be a potent factor in our college career. The foot-ball season is now at hand and we are about to begin a series of games already arranged with the principle southern colleges and it does say that we, of course, are expecting to meet with the same hard won victories that we did last year. We are proud to note that our well-know, ever-jolly Bro. "Rip" Allen is decidedly the strongest and most skillful player on the team. With best wishes to all who wear the purple and gold, I am respectfully,

In the bonds of $\Sigma A E$,

R. W. CLAWSON.

Tenn. Zeta—S. W. P. Univ., Clarksville.

At the beginning of this, another college year, Zeta finds herself still, as ever, to the front, with a goodly number of strong, enthusiastic men—men who are loyal and devoted to the interests of their own chapter, as well as to that of the fraternity at large.

Nine old members, ready to do valiant service, were promptly in their places at the opening of the session. Since that time we have added two to our number, Brothers Alsworth and Alexander. May we find others like them, who, at the very start, will enter fully and heartily into the true spirit of fraternity life.

From among the "uninitiated many" there are still quite a number who are desirable, and upon several of these we have been using our utmost powers of persuasion. Two are already pledged to unite themselves with us, and ere another week is passed, they will have experienced the pleasure of a ride upon our festive goat.

Our purpose, this year, is to pursue a conservative course, never to be in too big a hurry about voting when a name is proposed, but rather to be cautious and slow and allow ourselves ample time for consideration, so that we may be certain that a man is wanted before extending him an invitation.

Our chapter roll at present is as follows: W. W. Jenkins, E. A.; D. F. Wilkinson, E. D. A.; J. F. Naylor, E. R.; J. W. Todd, E. T.; F. R. Graves, E. C.; H. S. Hersman, E. W.; I. M. Stone, E. H.; E. D. McDougall, J. L. Alsworth, H. C. Alexander and C. M. Morgan, RECORD correspondents.

There are four other Greek letter societies represented in the University—the *K A*, *K Σ*, *A T Q* and *Π K A*. Our relations with our rivals, as also with the non-fraternity men, are of the pleasantest nature. Peace, harmony and good-will uninterruptedly prevail, a condition of things very much to be desired.

Last commencement, Brothers J. M. Mecklin and E. D. McDougall won enviable distinctions, and caused old Zeta's heart to feel proud and happy—the one by taking the joint society, the other, the best speakers or faculty medal. Zeta has always captured a lion's share of honors, in both academic, oratorical and athletic contests. We have come back here this year, resolutely determined that her past record shall not be lowered, and to this end we have organized and definitely formulated plans for our future course of action. First, we are to apply ourselves diligently to study, so that we may take a high stand in our several classes, and thus reflect credit upon ourselves and upon each other. Then, those of us who intend trying for medals are to be aided and encouraged as much as possible by the others, in our efforts to attain the much coveted honors. In this way, telling results are more likely to follow, for in concerted action there is great strength.

Several copies of the "*Hustler*" have been received and were greatly enjoyed by all the brothers. It is indeed characteristic of its name, full of *get up*, and every page, so to speak, just boiling over with energy, and enthusiasm. It could hardly be otherwise, however, when two Buntings are in charge of it. Just here, I wish to congratulate both Harry and George Bunting, upon the noble work they have done and are still doing for our much loved order, and to tell them how proud Zeta is of two of her sons, who in times gone by, were with us and did so

much for our welfare. To my mind, they are, in every respect, ideal fraternity men.

With warm fraternal greetings from Zeta to all her sister chapters, and with best wishes for the continued and increased prosperity of the RECORD. I am, fraternally,

C. M. MORGAN.

Tenn. Lambda—Cumberland University, Lebanon.

The condition of Lambda Chapter is at present very good. We have fifteen members, the same number as last year. Four of our men graduated in June. M. L. Whiteside, B. S. course, who is now in Paris, Texas, working in a bank, W. S. Killpatrick A. B. course, who is now in West Point, Miss., reading medicine; J. L. Faust, L. L. B. course, who is in Chattanooga, Tenn., practicing law, and C. W. Field, who is in Marshall, Texas, practicing law, took the L. L. B. course. O. D. McReynolds will be back in January to finish law, and McLeod will be back in June to finish B. S. course.

We have initiated six men this year, viz: Vance, McLaughlin, Lynn, Bodie, Kannard and Wheeler, and we think there is a little more good material yet that we will probably get.

The majority of our men are in the law department.

We meet every Thursday night and have many interesting meetings.

Yours in $\Sigma A E$, LEE RICHARDSON.

Tenn. Kappa—University of Tenn., Knoxville.

Through the "Hustler" we learn many encouraging reports from the fraternity, and every item seems to enthuse and to strengthen each good brother for work.

Tennessee chapter does not sleep while her sister chapters are alive and ready for a prosperous year. Every brother expresses an enthusiasm which shows clearly that we will follow in line and make for us an unusually successful and happy year.

By the graduation of two of our number, Bros. Chambliss and Miles, and several who did not return, our chapter was

reduced to six men. Our initiates for this year are Mr. S. B. Boyd of this city, and Mr. C. D. Brown of Mapleton, Minn. This gives us eight men and we expect soon to add three more.

Yours in $\Sigma A E$, C. W. METCALF, Jr.

Tennessee Alpha Alumnus—Chattanooga.

We have not much to chronicle. Life you know is never very lively in an alumnus Chapter, and about all we can do is to wait for the Convention time to roll around. We have secured a splendid place for meeting, have rates at the Read House, which will be headquarters, opposite the Union depot, and will have some of our number to meet every incoming train. All we ask of you therefore is to let us know how many of you will attend. We want you all to come. We would like to have every Sig in the fraternity here. For information address Bro. J. L. Foust, Room 4, Central Block, Chattanooga.

Hoping to meet you all at the Convention, I am yours in $\Sigma A E$.

GARRARD HARRIS.

Mississippi Theta—Agricultural College.

Sub Rosa Theta reorganizes this year with brighter prospects than at any other time in our history, and our work as mapped out for this session bids fair to rival if not outshine all of our achievements of former years, for we are going into the fight for $\Sigma A E$ supremacy with a renewed zeal and energy and the determination to work harder than ever before for the advancement of our fraternity's interests. This year should be one long remembered by all of our chapters as the brightest and most prosperous one yet recorded in the unsullied pages of $\Sigma A E$ history.

We reorganized at the beginning of school, and nine loyal Sigs, eight of whom were seniors, promptly responded to their names. After the election of officers for the ensuing term and a half, candidates were voted on, which resulted in the initiation of Bros. W. E. Utterbock and J. B. Ashew of the Juniors and Bros. C. M. Mitchell and R. N. Collins of the Sophomores.

We have now fewer members than we had last year, but we intend by initiation from the lower classes to increase our numbers to about twenty hard working, energetic men who can and will work in Sigma's interest. As we are the only fraternity here, and distinctively *sub rosa* at that, we can afford to wait for the lower classes to grow and develop, and show by their exemplary conduct that they are fit subjects for a seat in *Σ Α Ε* hall.

We work here with three ends in view: The advancement of Sigma's cause first; Theta's interest next, and lastly, we endeavor, by bringing only the best men in school into our ranks, to capture all prizes and fill all offices of any consequence with our men. And this year we have the president of the senior class, the two anniversarians of the literary societies, and in the military department, the major, three captains and adjutant—five out of six of the highest offices in this organization. Don't think from this we are conceited, for this is only a plain statement of how we are, what we are and what we intend doing.

Address all communications to Bro. J. B. Anderson, E. C.; or to Bro. M. Snowdon, E. A.; and be careful in your correspondence to have nothing on envelop of a compromising character for it sometimes places us in an embarrassing position.

Faternally, THOS H. JOHNSTON, Jr.

Texas Rho—University of Texas, Austin.

Again we have gathered round the altars of Chapter Rho to offer up renewed pledges of our friendship, and to proclaim anew our loyalty to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. And as we calmly look about us, we see much to make us glad.

Never have our prospects been brighter. When we adjourned last year, we announced to the the readers of the RECORD some of our successes. We had four graduates. These four men took five honors, consisting of first in academic department, representative of the graduating class, final orator of the Rusk library society, and the holders of two fellowships. Two of our graduates have returned and together with our Bro. D. C.

Peacock, of Georgia Beta, who has just joined us, will take the M. A. degree. Our ranks have also been strengthened by the arrival of Dr. Edwin Fay, a loyal $\Sigma A E$, who has been elected to fill the chair of Latin in the absence of Prof. Fitzhugh. So that we have started out this year with twelve men—one in faculty, three post graduates, five seniors, one junior and two sophomores—and count among us the tutor of mathematics, fellow of history and fellow of physics.

We have not yet initiated any men, but are fully awake to the necessity of being represented in the lower classes, and hope when we again write for the RECORD, to be able to send in the names of a few chosen. However, we are very careful in the selection of men, and none but men of quality will ever enter the ranks of $\Sigma A E$ through the influence of the Texas chapter.

Wishing a year of prosperity to all the chapters, I am,

Yours fraternally,

G. W. PIERCE.

Ohio Sigma—Mt. Union College, Alliance.

It is not without a feeling of pride that I recount the victories of Ohio Sigma.

Our Chapter has made itself felt in the past, but now we are confident that a new era has been entered upon, and that there has been a general awakening along all lines.

We will begin as far back as May last at which time Ohio Sigma presented to the reading room of the College a fine antique oak book-case in which to place the books donated to the College by Bro. Elmer H. Stanley. A fine presentation speech was made at the Chapel exercises by Bro. A. A. Brown, responded to by Prof. Soule as a representative of the Faculty, and as he spoke of the talented young Professor and drew comparisons between his exemplary life and the beautiful case, as it stood on the rostrum before him, all could not but be filled with feelings of joy and sadness. It is such acts as this that proves a true fraternity spirit and this case will ever stand as a monu-

ment to the memory of that talented Professor and Brother, beloved and respected by all.

Next in order came the summer banquet which was decidedly the event of the season. Several of our alumni were present, also Bros. Bradley, Calhoun and Knotts of Iowa Sigma. During the repast the orchestra played sweet strains of music after which Sigma's orators toasted to various selected subjects.

The remark ought to be made here that Sigma's girls, who by the way, are, without doubt, the belles of the school, never appeared to better advantage than on this occasion.

The field day sports were decidedly one sided. Our boys succeeded in capturing eight out of eleven medals. Bro. Koehler was the lion of the day as can be seen from the following: Running broad jump, gold medal, Bro. Koehler; three standing jump, silver medal, Bro. Koehler; putting 16-lb. shot, gold medal, Bro. Koehler; throwing 16-lb. hammer, gold medal, Bro. Koehler; one hundred yard dash, gold medal, Bro. Koehler; one hundred yard hurdle race, gold medal, Bro. Koehler; one-quarter mile dash, gold medal, Bro. Brown; tennis, silver medal Bro. Armstrong.

In connection with these honors we might add that Bro. C. C. Starr was editor-in-chief of the *Unonian* which without doubt was the finest annual ever produced by the senior class. Bro. C. A. Armstrong had contest debate, and in the college baseball team *Σ A E* was represented by Bros. Miller, Agler, Evans and Koehler; while Bro. Brush was business manager of the *Dynams*.

We are strong in number, above our rivals socially, and perfect fraternity spirit pervades all our members.

Our chief rivals are the A. T. Os. who control most of the Delta Gammas, but from the Sigma Nus, who were organized in opposition to their fraternity, they can expect nothing and we have the "stand in" with the "barbs."

They outnumber us in the senior class, so we expect to get our heads bumped good. This happens to be an exceptional case, as we have only five seniors.

The following *Σ A E*'s were appointed officers in the cadet corps: First lieutenant, W. J. Teeters; first sergeant, Bro. Wilson; sergeant, Bro. Atkinson.

Bro. C. A. Armstrong is principal of the Wingo, Ky., schools, but will close in time to graduate with his class.

Bro. C. C. Starr, class of '92, is taking a special course in chemistry and physics at Cornell.

We have just added a fine picture of 28 loyal Sigs to our hall. We make this an annual event to have a large picture taken at the close of the school year, and find that it is a grand way to infuse fraternal spirit and advertise our noble order.

Anxiously shall we wait the publication of the fraternity song book; it is just what we want. Let the good work go on. We try to have some social event each week and would be glad to have our fair ladies sing *Σ A E* songs instead of old hymns and college songs.

Owing to the peculiar arrangement of our school but very few of our men remain a whole year at a time. So our number appears large. The whole number of men in it at different times for the past year was twenty-eight.

We started out this year with fourteen strong men and have since added two helpful knights to our beloved order, whom we take pleasure in presenting to our brothers. Bro. G. F. Wickersham, a member of the senior class and Bro Chas. H. Taylor, a member of the sophomore class. Bro. Taylor was a member of a local fraternity, at Mt. Hope academy with two members of the *A T O* fraternity, but showed his good sense by selecting the purple and gold.

We take pleasure in presenting Amos A. Brown, Lebert L. Lamborn, LaRue E. Hawkins, James A. Merryman, Bert Lindley Porter, Abram W. Alger and Frank Linton who were not reported in the last RECORD.

Our future looks bright and with kind greeting and best wishes to our sister chapters from Ohio Sigma, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

WILBER J. TEETERS.

Ohio Delta—Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

Ohio Delta offers hearty greeting to all her sister chapters throughout the country, and especially to those which have only lately been added to our number, may their tribe increase.

We entered school this year with eight old men—not a large number—but united in our aims to work unceasingly for the benefit of our chapter and for *Σ A E* in general. Since the opening of school another of our old men, of the class of '93, has returned and we have also given our goat a little preliminary practice by initiating Bro. G. R. Grose, of the class of '94, who is vice president of the college Y. M. C. A., and is recognized as one of the finest students of his class. This increases our number to ten good men.

Our chapter numbered fifteen active members at the close of last year, five of whom were seniors, whose presence we now greatly miss. They were, Bros. J. C. Roberts, W. Scott, H. Weaver, N. O. Wilson and N. C. Wright, all of whom are this year beginning their professional studies.

We have only two seniors this year, Bro. E. P. Baker, who is president of the senior lecture course committee and Bro. R. H. Beesley, who is business manager of the *Transcript*, the senior class publication. The ability of our men has been recognized not only by their classes, but also by the faculty. Bro. P. H. Wilson is the athletic instructor in the gymnasium, and Bro. E. A. Bedford is the assistant in the biological department of the college.

Our school has opened with brightest prospects for a successful year. The enrollment is fully as large as usual, the new students being especially numerous. Several liberal donations have considerably increased the endowment fund; and the new University hall, which will cost \$150,000, is almost completed, and presents a magnificent, stately appearance, greatly adding to the beauty of our already beautiful campus.

The fraternities here are very conservative and our chapter is not an exception. Out of a total enrollment of over 1,200 last year, 700 of whom were boys, less than 115 were Greeks,

divided among nine fraternities. The enrollment of the other frats at the opening of school this year is as follows: *B Θ Π*, 7; *Σ Χ*, 9; *Φ Δ Θ*, 12; *Φ Κ Ψ*, 6; *Δ Τ Δ*, 7; *Φ Γ Δ*, 9; *Χ Φ*, 4; *Α Τ Ω*, 9; so that our number compares most favorably with that of the other chapter.

As our last letter was sent in several weeks before the close of school last spring, there has been no mention made of several of the most important events of our fraternity life. One was our fraternity picnic on June 11, at which sixteen couples (including some of the finest girls from our seminary) were present, and spent a most enjoyable day.

But the greatest event of our history since *Δ* was born, occurred June 3, at the Ohio State University in the establishment of Ohio Theta, an account of which has been given in another column. We feel extremely proud of our work, as the University is one of the best in the country, and the chapter has already given evidence of its qualities—full of life and enthusiasm and a credit to the fraternity. Let us have more of the same kind. We already “have our line out” in another direction. Let some more of our sister chapters try it, too. We can assure them that the enjoyable experience will more than compensate for all their labor. Through the efforts of a few hustlers we now have a roll of splendid chapters in fine Colleges. Let us ALL, enthused by that superb little visitor “The Hustler,” join hands this year and endeavor to make the chapter roll and the fraternity envied by all our rivals.

Fraternally yours, CHAS. C. BERLIN.

Ohio Theta—Ohio State University, Columbus.

We of Ohio Theta are delighted to have this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the Brothers of Ohio Sigma, Ohio Delta and Ohio Epsilon for the impressive manner in which they ushered us into the Greek world, and to all the fraternity, for the kind reception given us. We mean to prove ourselves

worthy of these favors by placing Ohio Theta in the lead at O. S. U.

The future prospects of our University are very flattering. The attendance has increased far beyond the expectation of the most hopeful.

At the same time our equipment advances with long strides. Even at the present time two new and imposing structures are nearing completion. One, Hayes' Hall, named for ex-president Hayes, that earnest advocate of manual training, is designed for our new manual training school; the other, Orton Hall, named for our own Dr. Orton, will contain the Geological museum and Library. A new electrical and heating plant is being begun also. But as we hope to have such matters properly presented in a future RECORD we will turn to other things.

One of the features of O. S. U. is its athletic association, incorporated under the laws of the state. Athletic stock is sold at one dollar per share, many of the students owning one or more shares. The fact that our base ball team made a perfect record last year, winning every game in the intercollegiate association, of Ohio, has served to create an unusual interest in athletics. The foot-ball team is practicing daily under the charge of a competent trainer, and we anticipate a season of enthusiasm and victory.

The Battalion is larger this year than ever and furnishes a field for $\Sigma A E$ advancement.

Great interest will be taken in oratorical matters since we get the inter-state contest at O. S. U., next May. All the more reason why an O. S. U. orator should win.

Fraternities? Yes, we have them without limit. The advent of $\Sigma A E$ made eleven. Now, do not imagine, on account of this large number, that we are the refuse of the other ten. We are made up of a class of men not to be reached by any other fraternity.

Thirteen of our fourteen members are in college. This year Bro. Hercules is professor of mathematics in the Florida Normal school, White Springs, Florida. We are distributed among

the classes as follows: two seniors, seven juniors and four sophomores. So you see that we would be strong in numbers next year, even though we did not add any this year. But we intend to fill up our lower classes with good men; we have such in view and will get them. Thirteen may be an unlucky number but we do not count it such.

The largest organization in college is the Y. M. C. A. Bro. Hayward, as president of this organization, is engaged in an active canvass for a building fund, to be devoted to the erection of a Student's building. Bro. Zurfluh is vice president of the junior class, as well as an enthusiastic foot-ballist. The president of one of the largest and best literary societies in the University, has just been elected, without a dissenting vote, from our number, and when the promotions are made in the Battalion, $\Sigma A E$ will be represented by at least two commissioned and three non-commissioned officers.

Another thing to which we are now looking forward with more or less interest is the publication of the *Makio*, an annual published by the several fraternities. The *Makio* was due last June, but its publication was deferred until this term. Of course we will be roasted in this number, as all new chapters are. It will serve, however, to show our power; to bring us before the students, and we are not afraid to be known.

Long before this is read, the $\Sigma A E$ pin will cease to be a novelty at O. S. U. During the summer, the "goat" left with us last June, recovered entirely from the exhaustion due to the initiation of fourteen men, and with the excellent training he is receiving, is ready for business. Wishing a year of prosperity to all the fraternity, I am yours in $\Sigma A E$.

F. C. MILLER.

Ohio Alpha Alumnus, Alliance.

Again we chronicle briefly the events of our last meeting. Meeting as we do but annually, we feel that THE RECORD can give us space for this record of our proceedings. On July 28th, we were called to order by E. D. A., Bro. Jno. H. Focht. After

prayer by Bro. Jas. F. Kirkbride, and the transaction of some necessary business, the election of officers for the following year resulted as follows: E. A., W. S. O'Neal, Janesville, Ohio; E. D. A., H. L. Day, Omaha, Nebraska; E. R., A. G. Pipher, Saginaw, Mich.; E. Cor., H. C. Burger, Cameron, Mo.; E. Chap., J. Kirkbride, North Benton, Ohio; E. T., Theo. Armstrong, Alliance, Ohio; E. H., F. L. Taft, Cleveland, Ohio; E. W., C. H. Danford, Summerfield, Ohio; E. Chron., J. H. Focht, Canal Fulton, Ohio; Ex. Com., J. S. Christy, Connellsville, Pa.; C. C. Carroll, St. Clairsville, Ohio and E. B. Bentley, Murphysboro, Ill. After an eloquent and enthusiastic address by Pres. O'Neal, we adjourned to assist Ohio Sigma initiate three new brothers into $\Sigma A E$.

Being absorbed from Delta Tau Delta, Ohio Sigma has power to initiate the old members as active members, and through Sigma, Alpha Alumnus gets their names on her rolls, not simply as honorary, but as active member. Hence the active chapter initiates them. Since our last report of initiations, the mysteries of $\Sigma A E$ have been revealed to Rev. J. R. Jacobs, of Cleveland, Ohio, an old member of Delta Tau Delta. After the meeting above described, we gathered three more brethren into the fold. They are L. P. Hole, ex-'84, of Spokane, Wash., Dr. E. J. March, '81, and Judge J. P. Fawcett, '71, probate judge of Stark County, Ohio. Both these brothers are residents of Canton, Ohio, the home of our honored brother, Gov. McKinley. C. C. Starr, '92, Ohio Sigma, had his name transferred from the active to the Alumnus chapter, and Alpha is stronger to-day by as many men.

We had an enthusiastic reunion; we dare not tell you all our plans and schemes. But we mean business. Internal and external development are among our chief ends and aims. We reach from ocean to ocean, from lakes to the gulf. The whole nation is ours; we intend to better it—to make each place with which we come into contact better for having known us. Our work individually may be small, yet, in the aggregate, how large! Nor in the battle of life do we forget $\Sigma A E$ but we are banded

to strengthen her in every manner. Extension—has our work helped it? has it made new chapters possible? What we have done we can do again, and *we'll do it*.

Several of our member are earnestly working for new chapters, and Bro. Focht, who has already done so much, is striving to do still more, and he will be successful, too. Let us all work together and do still greater good.

We give elsewhere the whereabouts of some of ours boys who have been "on the move." Many of them are "settled," and a glance over previous letters or notes will tell you where they are and what they are doing. With a membership of perhaps fifty we cannot make notice of each member. But the movements and changes of the "unsettled" are noted from time to time.

So we close for the present; we prophecy as successful a year for extension as was the last; let us push forward and win. Best wishes to all. Yours in the bonds.

H. C. BURGER.

Cameron, Mo.

Kentucky Iota—Bethel College, Russellville.

We would gladly respond to our faithful editor's call, for we long to have a RECORD bristling with its items of busy Sigs.

Again the tolling of the old college bell calls us to the stubborn realities of student life. And again we have the pleasure of gathering in our halls throughout this happy land and enjoying the sweet fraternal ties of our noble and beloved brotherhood, so like those sacred ties of the homes we have left behind.

Bethel College opens this year with the largest enrollment known in its history, while the standard of scholarship among its students has taken a decided step in advance of the previous year.

All three of the fraternities are in very good condition. Although there were only six old Sigs of the last year's fourteen, who answered to the roll-call when we gathered in our hall this year, we have not been asleep. We have initiated four

new men, brethren J. E. Snider and Vernon Blythe, of Ky., and W. A. Brownlee and L. R. Ellis of Ark.

Four of our number will graduate this year, Brethren S. J. Buquo, H. P. McElrath, W. J. Lanier, and your humble E. C.

Bro. Buquo carried off half of the scholarship medal, sharing it equally with Mr. R. E. Lee of the ΣN fraternity, at the close of last session.

Ky. Iota seems to feel new life coursing through her veins. Some of our boys hitherto have worn no badges, but they have all concluded that badges they need and badges they must have.

I do not know but that bunch of "Hustlers" we received some days since has been quite instrumental in the matter.

Ky Iota most cordially invites all Sigs passing this way to give her a call. There is nothing like association and hand-shaking to kindle the spark of fraternal bonds into a glowing flame.

Fraternally, TYLER GIVENS.

Ky. Kappa—Central University, Richmond.

Chapter Kappa sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them a prosperous year. We are glad to note the extension of $\Sigma A E$ into other colleges. The "Hustler" is an indispensable publication in our fraternity and should receive a hearty encouragement. We commenced this year with seven old men, having been reduced to that number by the death of our esteemed brother, T. W. Mourning, and by the absence of Bros. Bright, Chandler and Steenbergen. Bro. Bright is attending the "Eastman Business College," at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Bro. Chandler has accepted an honorable and lucrative position as principal of the Public School at Campbellsville, Ky. Bro. Steenbergen, we hope, will be with us at the beginning of the next term. We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large, as the result of "Billy's Bucking," Bro. Morgan, Point Pleasant, W. Va.; Bro. Phelps, Franklin, Ky.; Bro. McElroy, Springfield Ky.; and Bro. Mann, Harrodsburg, Ky. Our officers for the year are: E. A., C. L. Nourse; E. D. A., S. L. Williams; E. C.

W. H. McKinney; E. T., A. McKiffie; E. C., Ernest Mansfield; E. Chron., A. G. Hargett.

We hope by perseverance and good work to make our chapter Kappa second to none. Wishing our sister chapters a fruitful year, I am

Fraternally yours, HENRY J. KIRBY.

Mo. Alpha—University of Missouri, Columbia.

We have in previous years been forced to "close the conflict" when we numbered thirteen, but now we have passed that limit, initiating our fourteenth man last night. At the beginning of the second year the outlook was gloomy in the extreme but $\Sigma A E$ has taken the stand in this state which our gallant Bros. of the south so long desired that she should.

Our old men who are back, are Bros. Haydon, Allen, Blouton, W. Moore, G. Moore and B. E. Todd. Our new members are, Bros. Jackson, Otho Matthews, Orlow Matthews, Young, Bruges, H. Crecelius and Rothwell. In addition we have one of our charter members, Bro. Ellis, who is completing his course.

We are glad to welcome the onward wave of $\Sigma A E$ and hope to see more chapters in Mo. ere the year has passed. Although we lost five of our best men last year, Mo. Alpha is in a more prosperous condition than she ever was before. With energetic alumni, and other good chapters in the state we do not hesitate to say that we will conquer Missouri for $\Sigma A E$. The address of Mo. Beta is, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and it is our earnest request that in writing your chapter letters, you will not fail to remember our "baby."

Though our College suffered the loss of its main building last year, it is being replaced by six new, modern buildings now in course of erection. Mo Alpha is progressive; her motto now is, "more territory for $\Sigma A E$." With a grip for each new man, and encouragement for the old ones,

Yours fraternally, BEN. E. TODD.

Mo. Beta—Washington University, St. Louis.

It is with bright hopes for the future of our fraternity, that we of the Missouri Beta make our communication and enter upon the duties and enjoyments of Sigma life. For several months previous to last April, we were desirous of obtaining admission, and owe thanks to our brothers of the Missouri Alpha for initiating us into this noble brotherhood. There were fifteen of us admitted as charter members. Two of our number have since graduated, among them our first E. A., A. H. Buck, who is now a mining engineer at Matchuala, Mex. Bro. E. Hendrick is pursuing civil engineering here in St. Louis. The others who have dropped from our ranks are: Bro. A. F. Ittner and Bro G. A. Abbott. Though deprived of the advantages of active and intimate intercourse with the rest of the chapter, we hope their efforts will be none the less strenuous to further the interests of our order. Just at present, we have no permanent abode. During last year, we were allowed a room in the University building; but the crowded condition of the University did not permit of our retaining it. We will make every effort, however, to obtain quarters which will suffice temporarily, until we have better facilities and more funds; for a chapter without a place of meeting is apt to lose its enthusiasm and to allow the flame of fraternity to flicker out.

We notice a suggestion in the *Hustler*, that we organize a chapter in a neighboring University. This will receive our attention, and we hope that we may be depended upon for exerting our best efforts to advance the standard of $\Sigma A E$ among the barbarians.

We are young, as yet, and should hardly be expected to manage fraternity matters with the master hand of a chapter of long standing. What we may lack in enthusiastic ebullition we hope to supply by honest, sturdy, perseverance. We know that the fraternity man should have the fire and spirit of fraternal feeling; but the life of a chapter is short, if it has not some of those workers whose enthusiasm does not burn out with a flash.

Fraternity life, hitherto, has not been a prominent feature of our University. We hope to change matters. Fraternities in large cities have the disadvantage that other social duties are apt to throw the fraternity in the shade.

Our only rivals here, those of the Phi Delta Theta, do not seem very active.

The men of $\Sigma A E$ stand well in the University. Bro. Ben May broke our university record for pole-vaulting on field day. We have control of our college paper, and have several officers in our military company.

Yours Fraternally, ALFRED BOYD.

Michigan Iota Beta—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Michigan Iota Beta sends greeting to brother Sigs and is pleased to report general and rapid progress along every line of fraternity work. Yet our pride in our fraternity work is tinged with regret for in sending out, at the close of the last school year, our first class of graduates, we have lost many of the founders and upbuilders of the chapter.

The last year was one of signal growth and progression. It saw the distinction between the fraternities at the U. of M., which has existed so long, wiped out, and chiefly through the agency of $\Sigma A E$. It saw our chapter honorably recognized throughout the college as a social and political force. In the year which is now beginning we hope and expect equal success and are gratified at the outset to gain as initiates, men who are wanted by all the other fraternities here. We brought back to college twelve men and four pledges to start with and have since been glad to welcome Bro. Lindsay, of Texas Rho, and Bro Lowrie, of Mich. Alpha. Bro. Lindsay is entered in the law department and Bro. Lowrie is returned from Leipzig to a post graduate course.

Bro. R. W. Hayes represents us on the 'varsity eleven, playing right, and Bros. Smith, Keats and Lowrie are on the choral union which will take part at the World's Fair.

It is our earnest hope that $\Sigma A E$ may not cease to grow along

every line. But we, too, believe in the conservative spirit in fraternity life and trust none but worthy chapters be admitted to our fellowship.

Yours fraternally, HAL. H. SMITH.

Michigan Alpha—Adrian College, Adrian.

Again it becomes a pleasant duty to contribute a letter to the RECORD.

Immediaetly after the opening of the academic year the initial copy of the "Hustler" was received. We are more than pleased with it and doubly convinced of the wisdom of the last convention in making provision for it. A Sig that can read it and does not feel inspired to get out and work for $\Sigma A E$, that does not catch some of the zeal of its editor, could not be made to "get a move on himself" if placed before the business end of a gatling gun. Bro. Bunting, having endeared himself to all Sig hearts by his activity in behalf of $\Sigma A E$ welfare, has placed us under renewed obligation to him by his continued energy and enthusiasm. No danger but that the "Hustler" will do credit to its name as long as the prince of Hustlers is at its head.

Seven of our men returned to school at the opening of the term, which number has been increased to eight by the initiation of Charles Hubble, Adrian, Mich. Mr. Hubble is as good a student as the institution knows, and though young in the work takes a lively interest in everything that pertains to the fraternity's welfare. We are keeping an open eye on some of the most promising of the new students, with splendid prospects of shortly augmenting our number by the addition of some tip-top good men.

Our rivals, A. T. O. opened the campaign with 8 men, and have initiated one, and while we are on a substantial equality as to numbers, we think candid judgment will rank us first.

A number of changes in the Faculty have taken place since last year, and in the process we lost one member, Bro. Wilbur, who, after spending a number of years here as Professor of History and English Literature, resigned to enter the ministry.

Alpha has enjoyed some splendid meetings this year, spending the time in games, conversation, literary exercises, and outlining plans to keep *Σ A E* to the front. We are experiencing more congeniality, harmony and enthusiasm than has been manifest for some time, and trust that such a spirit prevails in each of our sister chapters.

Brothers, prepare to move on to Chattanooga in December. There will be plenty of work to do, plenty of sights to see and plenty of Sigs to dispense hospitality in that center of the Sig universe to justify expectation of a glorious meeting.

Fraternally, E. D. McCafferty.

Pa. Omega—Allegheny College, Mcadenville.

To chapters north and south, a hearty greeting.

Allegheny College opens the year with an enrollment of over two hundred and fifty students and everything points towards a year of prosperity. A new building to be known as "The Wilcox Hall of Science," is now being erected and when finished will be a fine building, and although the foundation for the new gymnasium has not been laid, we expect it soon.

At the opening of the present term we numbered seven, all good, true and royal Sigs. Last year we graduated six men, and Bros. Carew, Starr and Hawthorn have not returned to College. Since the opening of this College year we have initiated four men and I feel honored in introducing to you Bros. L. L. Robbins, of McKeesport, Pa., A. P. Henderson, of McKeesport, Pa., Clare Kent, Linesville, Pa., Earle Faber of Cambridge, Pa.

I believe that it should be not only the duty but the pleasure of each chapter to send in its letter for each issue of the *RECORD*; and acting upon my belief, I shall endeavor to give you at least a partial record of the hopes, achievements and prospects of Omega. In order to do this I must go back to the latter term of last year.

During Commencement week the Sigs were quite prominent. Bros. Dunn and Rand were chosen by the Faculty as

members of the senior "ten," there being only one other fraternity man a member—*A T A* being represented. Bro. Rand was president and Bro. Dunn was orator of the class of '92. In the inter-society contest Dunn won the debate and Jones was the essayist. We had three men on our college paper, the Campus. Bro. Davis captured The Centennary Oration prize, the best prize in College. He was also elected President of the Athletic Association and in all Pa. Omega far surpassed in honors the other fraternities here.

This year we have made a noble start, and in class elections, as usual, we have received more than our share of the class positions. In the Senior class Bro. Davis is orator, Bro. Beardsley historian and Bro. Gamble is treasurer. In the Junior and Sophomore classes we received two positions.

On our College paper this year Bro. Gibson is Ex. Editor, Bro. Gamble is Associate Editor and Bro. Beardsley is President of the board of control.

Although the College year has just begun you can see from this partial report that Penn. Omega is "in the procession," bearing the banner of *Σ A E* to the front.

I mention these matters because of the tendency to apply the test of success to determine the worth of organization.

Our future is very flattering and we expect to keep up our past record.

During last spring term we secured new curtains, rugs, and stand for our parlor, and now without doubt we have the most comfortable chapter house here.

We are on good terms with all the fraternities here with the exception of *Φ K Ψ*. This fraternity took into full membership a man whom we expelled from our fraternity, and as long as *Φ K Ψ* or any other fraternity does such work there will never be that friendly feeling which should exist between the members of different fraternities.

Bro. Blackmarr, who has just returned from a tour in Europe will enter the Chicago University. A new fraternity or a new society as they call it, made its appearance this term. It is

called the Aleghany College Christian Brotherhood. This society is composed of men who could not get into fraternities in college. They number twenty-six but I predict for them a short career, as it is but a local society. Their first obligation is that they will not join a fraternity.

With the good record of our predecessors and with the aid of our new men we hope to keep the banner of $\Sigma A E$ unfurled in this institution.

I close with a hearty grip to every Sig wherever he may be, and a full assurance to our sister chapters that Pa. Omega will ever be alive to the interests of our noble order.

Yours fraternally, ALDEN O. DAVIS.

Pa. Sigma Phi—Dickinson College, Carlisle.

The opening of the college year of '92-93 finds Sigma Phi established in Dickinson on a firm basis.

The college opened with a Freshman class of 65 men, and of that number we have secured four of the finest men in that class. Let me introduce to you Bros. Taylor, Evans, Degroot and Rook, all of '96. We have also initiated from the class of '94 Bro. Smith, who fills the vacancy left by Bro. Brines, '94, who is now at the University of Pennsylvania. We now number eighteen men; seventeen in the college and one in the law school.

Although but two years old we are the largest chapter of the six now in Dickinson. Phi Delta Theta comes next with 15 men and Phi Kappa Psi with 14.

Our greatest rivals this year were Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta, over whom we have won signal victories.

We have three fine men in "Prep" pledged to us for next year.

Bro. Chester N. Ames, '92, who did not return to college last year, has returned and entered '93 and will of course graduate with us next June. We now have five men in the Senior class, two of them standing in the first section of the classical course last year.

Bro. G. Park Singer, '93, is the assistant in the chemical laboratory this year. Bro. W. S. Snyder, '94, is the curator of the reeding room. Bros. Clemens, '94, and VanBurkalew, '93, were elected to represent the college at the Y. M. C. A. convention held at Germantown recently.

Work on the catalogue is progressing as well as possible under the able leadership of Bro. Clemens, '94, and his assistants, Bros. Singer and VanBurkalew, '93.

At Dickinson, owing to the size of the college, it is the aim and purpose of all of the chapters to keep their numbers down to about 15 men. Now and then a chapter does exceed that number but it is an exception to the general rule.

Unfortunately college politics and affairs at Dickinson are dominated by fraternity cliques and combines. More than once it has caused classes to split and other unpleasant things to occur. Still it is not so bad as formerly and there is a growing sentiment against it. We fondly hope that the time will soon come when men are elected on their merits without reference to the fraternity to which they belong. We can say this with more appropriateness since we have not suffered in the least from these combines and we belong to the side which came out on top in the last pitched battle in the class of '93. It is not by any manner of means a case of "sour grapes" with us.

The most disturbing element in college at present is a local organization endeavoring to secure a charter from $\Psi \chi$. They enroll men apparently without reference to social or mental qualities merely to secure numbers and by this means secure all the offices and power they can. There is not a chapter in Dickinson that is not arrayed against them, with the exception of Beta Theta Pi.

It would probably be interesting for our brothers to know that the time of meeting of the chapters at Dickinson is ten o'clock every Friday night. This has been the custom ever since fraternities existed in Dickinson, and that has been since 1859.

Sigma Phi starts out with bright prospects this year and it is her determination to make things move in her sphere.

We close with a hearty welcome to new chapters and new men who clasp hands with us over the altar of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Yours forever in the bonds,

HERBERT W. WESTWOOD.

Pa. Alpha Zeta—Penn'a. State College, State College.

We take this opportunity to express through the RECORD our thanks for the cordial welcome we received upon our entrance into *Σ Α Ε*. From the date of our initiation until commencement, letters came from brothers, north, south, east and west, welcoming us into Sigdom, and causing us to feel that our brothers were not merely the members of our chapter, but every member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Every member of Pa. Alpha Zeta is enthusiastic for his fraternity and we expect at the end of the year to have as good standing and membership as any frat at Penna. State College.

There are five other fraternities represented at this place, viz: *B Θ II*, *Φ Γ Δ*, *Φ Κ Σ*, *Σ Α*, and *Κ Σ*, all of which occupy chapter houses. Prior to 1886, the hostility of the faculty prevented any fraternity from entering here, but at the first opportunity a chapter of *B Θ II* was initiated. *Σ Α Ε*, the last to enter, has already obtained for itself a distinct standing, from the fact that it does not imitate honorary members, a practice for which some of the frats here are noted.

We were well received by the other fraternities and though one or two effected to ignore us at first they soon thought better of it and this fall we are giving them such a lively race after freshmen that they find us a very live quantity, indeed.

The *Hustler* is all right. It is the right thing in the right place, and comes at a time when it is most needed. Had there been any lack of enthusiasm at Alpha Zeta before receiving it there could not have been other than a boom on its arrival. Although our prospects are not quite as dazzling as painted by

the *Hustler*, yet we are striving to make them as bright as possible, and satisfy in some measure the expectations of the founders of our chapter.

Since our initiation we have introduced into Sigdom, Bro. J. M. Vastine, '95, of whom we are justly proud.

A hall was secured commencement week, and the work of furnishing it left in charge of Bros. Krumrine and Robison, and the attractiveness of our Sig domicile is due, in a great measure, to their untiring efforts during vacation. We lose one man this year, Bro. Krumrine, '93. He goes to the Philadelphia school of pharmacy. He will come back in time to graduate with '95. Bro. Brenneman and the writer were both appointed sergeants in the battalion for the ensuing year. Bro. Rebhun's work in biology last year was of such merit that it has been selected by the department of biology to be exhibited at the World's Fair.

The writer has been compelled, on account of overwork, to resign from the staff of the *Free Land*, the college periodical.

We have two men on '94's annual, Bro. Brenneman, assistant business manager, and the writer, literary editor.

The following are our officers at present: P. B. Brennemen, E. A.; H. L. Wishart, E. D. A.; W. H. Rebhun, E. R.; R. S. Moore, E. H.; J. I. Robison, E. T.

As the Pennsylvania State college may be somewhat unknown to many of our brothers, a short description of the institution may not be out of place.

Unlike many other prominent institutions the Pennsylvania State college did not open with a boom and flourish of trumpets, but was instituted by the state in 1859, as the "Farmers' High School;" afterward, in 1862, it was changed to "State Agricultural College;" but as the faculty and state officers gradually conceived what an admirable place it was for a higher institution of learning, it was finally changed in 1874 to the Pennsylvania State College. The funds for the support of the college are appropriated annually by the legislature of the state, together with the interest of an endowment fund of \$500,000 from the national government, which the state holds in trust. The gov-

ernment is vested in a board of trustees, the ex-officio members including the governor and cabinet of the state.

At present we have nine courses of instruction, viz: General Science, Latin Scientific, Classical, Agricultural, Biology, Chemistry, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Physics and Electrical Engineering. There is to be established a chair of Mining Engineering sometime during the present year. The main college building is a substantial building of magnesian limestone standing on a pleasant elevation, and is 240 feet in length, 80 feet in average breadth, and five stories in height. This was the first building erected, but as the college grew, its needs became more numerous, and there was built a physical and chemical laboratory; this was followed by an extensive botanical laboratory and hot house, and also a gymnasium and drill hall. The Agricultural Experiment station is situated here and has a farm of one hundred acres. A building for the departments of Civil and Mechanical Engineering is in course of construction, and will add to the attractiveness and utility of the place. We should not neglect to mention the ladies' cottage, which is situated to the rear of the main building, and adored by all on account of its occupants.

The college farm embraces three hundred acres, on which are extensive orchards and vineyards to which the students are allowed free access.

A word in regard to foot-ball. The foot-ball eleven won the pennant offered by the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Foot-ball association last year, and our prospects this year are not at all discouraging.

Fraternally, JAMES F. PATRICK.

Iowa Sigma—Simpson College, Indianola.

Iowa Sigma has entered on a year that promises to be the most successful of any she ever experienced.

We commenced with but seven old men but our minds were resolved to work hard for $\Sigma A E$ and ere the second week of school had passed we had added one more Freshman to our

number—Lloyd Talley. Before another two weeks we initiated into our beloved order three other Freshmen, Charles C. Macomber, John Winterbourne and Brenton T. Bradley. This makes our present strength eleven.

We are at present working to some disadvantage in not having our new hall completed. It was to have been ready for us a month ago but the contract was not kept and we have had to wait. In about three weeks we will be cozily settled in it and enjoy more fully our fraternity life. It is a nice room, 40x20 feet, on the second floor of a new building on the square.

The *J T J* boys broke faith with us this fall and in order to secure some offices fused with the "Barbs." They have brought out five pledged men and are but 9 strong. We, though temporarily defeated, are not despairing, and we would rather enjoy true fraternity life and fight single handed than to fuse with "Barbs."

The *// B Φ* fraternity gave a reception in honor of their Grand President, Miss Turner, on October 6th. All the active Greeks were present and we enjoyed a very pleasant Panhellenic. The *// B Φ* are about 9 in number. *J J Js* are in a flourishing condition; they have initiated four new members and number 14.

Our college has opened propitiously. We have an enrollment of 306 this term, an increase of 50 over the corresponding term of last year. Before the year closes we expect to have enrolled five or six hundred. Out of this increase *Σ A E* will secure her full quota.

The "Hustlers" arrived some time ago and we were very much pleased with them. If all the chapters follow the advice and hustle we will have a most successful year. Let each chapter prepare to send at least one delegate to the Convention and make Chattanooga abound with Sig enthusiasm and spirit. It is very probable that Iowa Sigma will be represented this year and we want to meet a specimen Sig from every chapter.

The following are our officers for the ensuing term: Bro. R. O. Rogers, E. A.; Bro. A. E. Talley, E. D. A.; Bro. Lloyd

Talley, E. R.; E. V. Badley, E. C.; B. D. Hull, E. H.; J. I. C. Brown, E. W., and J. P. Morley, E. T.

We welcome those chapters which were founded after our college closed last term and hope soon to hear from them. We wish them prosperity. Looking forward to great and glorious successes for *Σ Α Ε*, we remain,

Yours Fraternally, ERNEST V. BADLEY.

Ind. Alpha—Franklin College, Franklin.

Alpha sends cordial greeting to her sisters all, and wishes them glorious success in the campaign of '92. While our own local cares have been somewhat engrossing in the past few weeks, we are on the alert for any token of progress elsewhere, and avail ourselves of every opening for work beyond the confines of our chapter.

The beginning of the year found us with eight men—Bros. Miller, Howard and Johnson not returning. Out of this number the following officers were chosen:

C. D. Hazelton, E. A.; Edker Burton, E. D. A.; F. C. Whitcomb, E. C.; John Hill, E. R.; J. V. Oliver, E. T., and H. W. Davis, E. Ch.

Our first care was to select a hall, and having found one which met our wishes we soon transformed it into as delightful and homelike a place as a Sig could wish. Of course a comfortable abode for our friend, the goat, was not forgotten, but though that valliant beast has shown the mysteries to four promising initiates, he is not yet willing to return to the obscurity of private life and we may have to appease him with another victim or two. Our new brothers are: Manfred W. Shuh, of Gosport, Frank Mock, of Muncie, Harold W. Cope, of North Vernon and Percy Shinneman, of Columbia City, all members of the class of '96.

A pleasant visitor at one of our recent meetings was Bro. Jas. Beveryhill, formerly our E. A., who is now in business at his home, Lebanon, Ind. Bro. F. D. Johnston holds a responsible position in the state reform school, at Plainfield.

We feel greatly encouraged over our prospects for the year. Franklin's classes are larger than ever before, and work in all departments is being pushed with vigor and success. The department of geology glories in having now the finest cabinets in Indiana. Students of astronomy are peering through the new telescope presented to the college by Hon. C. P. Jacobs last spring. In history Prof. Moncrief is doing work in mediaeval documents which is in advance of all other Hoosier colleges.

The employment of students as tutors was begun this year. Your scribe was chosen for the Latin department.

Then, too, inter-fraternity spirit is most friendly. A delightful evening was spent by our boys and those of Phi Delta Theta at the hall of the Pi Beta Phi sisterhood not long since. Fraternity men mingle and compete in the Athenian and Periclesian literary societies. Our brother, Hazelton, was chosen president of the former organization at its fall election.

Notwithstanding these amenities of frat life, however, the contest between rivals is necessarily close. In our own Phi Delta Theta neighbors we find antagonists who have several important advantages over us. Strong throughout Indiana and deeply rooted here for many years, they enjoy a local influence which we have yet to make for ourselves. Alpha's men are no grumblers, though, and hope before commencement day dawns, to send you many good words of victories and honors won by them.

Fraternally Yours, WILLIAM C. VAIL.

Colo. Chi— University of Colorado, Boulder.

We should like to mention in our first letter this fall, a few of the things that happened at the close of last term and which are very pleasant memories to Colorado Chi.

As the University Glee Club was leaving for their annual tour of the State on the afternoon of May 8, what was our surprise and pleasure to see Bro. F. Ed. King, Mich. Iota Beta '89 jump off the train for a few minutes and shake hands with the Sigs. Bro. King, with the assistance of Bro. D. W. S. Purie, initiated Colo. Chi and we are always very glad to see them.

Bro. King was just returning from the state convention of Christian Endeavor societies at Longmont, and is still at work for the American water works company in Denver. On the evening of June 7, the glee club gave their concert in Denver and Bro. King was an attentive listener together with one of the fair "Co-eds." We hope to see him frequently this year.

Bro. H. S. Murdoch, Tenn. Eta, '90, now at Colorado college, Colorado Springs, paid the University of Colorado a visit from May 13th to the 16th. Bro. Murdock came up with Mr. C. O. McCord, of the Denver University, and they were here on business connected with the Y. M. C. A. Bro. Murdock, however, devoted a considerable part of his time to the Sigs for which we were duly thankful as he is a model Sig and we gained many pointers from him and sincerely wish that we had him with us.

On the evening of May 20th, Bro. Wellington Givens secured the first prize in the annual oratorical contest of the Philomathean literary society. This was a valuable and important conquest and Bro. Givens was the recipient of many a basket of flowers, not only from his fair admirers in town but from abroad as well. After the commencement concert on Wednesday evening, May 23, the Sigs, together with our pledges, tendered Bro. Givens an elegant banquet in our chapter rooms in honor of his victory. Toasts were responded to by every one present and Bro. Conrad Bluhm, in an eloquent speech, presented Bro. Givens an elegant gold watch and chain, in honor of his success, which Bro. Bluhm had received a day or two before from the parents of Bro. Givens, and the fact of which was kept a secret from every one. You may imagine Bro. Givens' astonishment and gratification as well as our own surprise and you may be sure the occasion will long be remembered by all. Colorado Chi has a strong hold in obtaining orators and we confidently expect to see Bro. Givens in the inter-state some day.

On Monday, May 23, occurred the election of the Portfolio staff for this fall. Bros. Potter and Bluhm were unanimously elected editor-in-chief and business manager respectively. These

were our only nominees for any of the different offices and we considered their unanimous election quite a compliment to Colorado Chi. Bro. Lewis Gaylord not being content with our unusually brilliant commencement, departed for Denver, Friday morning, May 27th, where he remained at the Denver University for several days. He had a fine time with the Denver Sigs, attended several elegant banquets and made himself quite numerous around those lovely Denver Pi Phi's. The boys intend to lock Bro. Gaylord indoors after this during commencement week.

Bro. Fred L. Taft, of Ohio Sigma, was one of the Sigs who took advantage of the excursion west during the Knight Templars' Conclave, in Denver, in August. He took advantage of the occasion to visit the members of Colo. Chi and Zeta. A couple of days were spent in Boulder, at the University of Colorado, where Bro. Taft was royally treated as the guest of Colo. Chi. Bro. Taft is an elegant fellow and his visit was much appreciated by the boys who only wish such occasions would come oftener.

Colo. Chi begins the school year with brighter prospects for the future than ever before. All of our old men have returned and are filled with enthusiasm for $\Sigma A E$. We now number eight active members, and will initiate four new men on the 21st inst. $\Sigma A E$ has gained a victory this year never before hoped for. We have succeeded in obtaining four splendid men all of whom the $\Lambda T J$'s rushed to the best of their ability. We have also pledged another preparatory student who refused an invitation from $\Lambda T J$. We have four men on the foot-ball team who promise to distinguish themselves in that line. On the night of the initiation of these four new men, we are going to give a reception and banquet at the largest hotel in the city and hope to make it the social event of the season. $\Sigma A E$ continues to outstrip all rivals in the University of Colorado, in all branches of college life. We have begun making arrangements for sending a delegate to the convention at Chattanooga as we deem it very important that all the chapters should be represented. We

have just moved into our new chapter hall, which consists of three large rooms in the city, nicely furnished, heated and lighted. We have long felt our want in this direction and hope to obtain a great deal of good from it.

Chi sends greetings to all her sisters and hopes that wherever the "purple and gold" may float it will always be kept in the foremost ranks.

H. P. LAYTON.

California Alpha—Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

California Alpha opened the year with only six men. Brother Gifford is teaching in Johns Hopkins, Bro. Williams is at the head of a department in the geological survey of Brazil, and Bro. Edwards sticks the pen behind his ear in a Santa Rosa bank. These six men gladly came to the front and I tell you, brothers, no more pleasant a meeting ever came than that of the long departed Sigs. No sooner had we arrived than we all began to fix up our house. Everything had to be cleaned, the furniture unpacked and set up, the carpets laid and a thousand and one things to look after that none could have imagined. If any of you have arranged a house you have some idea of the work, and yet a more willing lot of workers no one would wish to see. I can say that in my opinion Cal. Alpha has the fraternity spirit from the word "go."

Our house is situated in the rapidly growing town of Palo Alto, about one mile from the university, two blocks from the station, and to those coming in on the train it is the most conspicuous of any. There are 12 rooms in the house, 6 above and 6 below, and under it all a very large cellar and servants rooms. Three porches add to the comfort and appearance of the house. The front door opens into a hall 10x14, from this the stairs lead upward and doors lead into three different rooms. The first door on the right opens into the elegantly lighted parlor, this is connected with the library by sliding doors and the library also by sliding doors with the dining room, all giving an opening of about 60 feet in length. The kitchen, closet and pantry are furnished with the latest conveniences and from these

apartments comes a very well renewed phase of college life. Off the kitchen is a room used at present for storage. To the left of the library is the matron's room, and this I may say, much to the joy of us all, is graced by the occupancy of Mrs. W. C. Hill, our matron, a sister to Bro. Luman. The upstairs rooms are very pleasant and sunny, all being used for bed chambers. In the back yard is a stable with three stalls and buggy room, and I am pleased to say that one of them is now occupied and the other two soon will be. I shall endeavor to send a cut by next issue, so that by the trying description I have given, you may be able to get some idea of what we live in. Three new Sigs have been graced by your noble order and they keep up their loyalty, (though young) with the most of us. They are Bro. Spalding of Atchinson, Bros. Bellford and Williams of Denver. We are to have another initiation of two men next Saturday night and I hope by the next letter I can get down at least 15 Sigs for you. Last week we received a visit from Bro. Cheney of Michigan Iota Beta, who was taking a tour through the west. A visit from a Sig we are always glad to have and from the impression he left, Cal. Alpha has indeed a very good opinion of our boys in the east. Bros. Smith and Mack and Edwards frequently visit us and on those occasions an initiation and banquet generally takes place. I need not mention the real enthusiasm bound up in those two older Sigs. You knew them in days gone by and Bro. Edwards is almost kept every time he comes down.

The Hustler came, but the reception was not what it would have been had Bro. Bunting not been misinformed. It may be true that he has not heard from us, but a three months' chapter cannot make itself so well known, especially at the end of the term. Building a house is no few days job. It took much time. And here I am glad to say that we were the first frat to build a house. The $\Phi \Gamma \Lambda$ has a house but it was not until after ours had been commenced that they thought of theirs. It is the very same thing as ours, room for room, (I think one room additional) and put up by the same architect, so you see none are ahead of us in that respect any way. The Zeta Psi boys are

our best friends and that means a whole lot from such a band of loyals as they are. As yet I know of no enemies, but they are likely to come. Athletics have not advanced much since the opening. Bro. Downing is on the the 'varsity eleven and also the nine; Bro. Pressley on the '95 eleven, Bro. Williams on the '96 eleven, Bro. Luman is '95 base-ball manager and an editor on the college daily and I am a candidate for 'varsity base-ball manager, and as far as I can find out there is no opposition. Our pledged men have prominent positions in athletics. Wishing all chapters success in their undertakings, I remain

Yours fraternally, HARRY J. COX.

Σ A E House, Palo Alto.

New York Alpha—Cornell University, Ithaca.

New York Alpha is going to do her level best to keep up the pace set by her sister chapters. We have been handicapped by losing some of our best men by sickness which kept them from attending the University the year just past, but we are ready to work now to keep up the high standing of Σ A E in New York.

This is a year of changes for Cornell. First, we have a new president, Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, who takes the place of ex-Pres. Adams, who is now in the University of Wisconsin. Pres. Schurman is very popular with all the students and on every side the trustees are congratulated on their wise selection. The Civil Engineering department has many changes in professors and instructors, in fact, every department has lost and gained good men. Leland Stanford and Chicago took more men from Cornell than from any other college.

In the athletic line we are defeating all comers in foot-ball and next spring will be ready to meet any crew in the world for a race, "any distance, any time, any place."—(our non-accepted challenge to Yale for the past three years.)

We hope to be able to report some prominent initiates next letter; also some new chapters, so with fraternal greeting and best wishes, I will close. Yours in Σ A E,

L. J. DOOLITTLE.

Mass. Beta Upsilon—Boston University, Boston.

H. H. Cowan, (Editor of RECORD), and Brother Sigs :

An informal meeting of the Mass. Sigmas was called yesterday. We enter this College year somewhat handicapped. Three of our best men have left, Messrs. Berger, Bailey and McKnight. The loss of Bro. Berger fell heavily upon the chapter, yet we feel honored in his promotion and congratulate him on his success. Bro. Bailey enters Harvard Law School. We hope that if the boys throughout the U. S. know of any good men attending eastern colleges they will send their names direct to Mass. Beta Upsilon; some have already done so. It will help us greatly in building up the fraternity in New England if you will attend to this matter at once.

Fraternally yours, GEO. A. MOORE.

Ohio Epsilon—University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

"Better not write a chapter letter at all," says one of the RECORD editors "than to write one which is not full of enthusiasm." We heartily agree with this injunction and yet in face of the condition imposed we think we are now entitled to write a chapter letter.

We entered upon this year with four members in Minerva's ranks. Bros. Williamson, '93; Langenheim, '93; Ratliff, '94, and affiliate from Ohio Delta. We have since that time added to our number, Bros. C M. Smith, '94, M. C. Hartzell, '95, and Victor Heintz, '96. We have just succeeded in pledging the President of '96, and are quite hopeful of securing several more from that class.

The boys of *N A E* hold a goodly number of the important offices of the school. Bro. Williamson is President of '93, editor-in-chief of the University "Review" and also of the next Annual. Bro. Langenheim is business manager of both of these publications. Bros. Smith and Langenheim are members of the Executive Committee which controls the athletics and other matters pertaining to the students.

Upon the Annual, which is soon to be published by the Senior class, *Σ Α Ε* has five editors, Beta Theta Pi two, Sigma Chi one, while several of the lady editors are members of Tri Delta, which has a flourishing chapter here.

Although paying particular attention to literary work, we are much interested in athletics. Bros. Langenheim and Smith at the spring term field day retired from the field with the greater part of the honors. Bro. Langenheim is one of the best players upon the University foot-ball team and is now coaching our fraternity team in order to meet the Sigma Chis upon the "gridiron" field.

We were much discouraged for various reasons at the beginning of the year, but a visit from Bro. Albert M. Austin, followed by enthusiastic and encouraging letters from him has completely dispelled our gloom. Let it also be said that the interesting letters from our sister chapters have done much towards making our condition so prosperous.

We hold our regular weekly meetings in the offices of Bro. Jos. V. Ricketts, M. D., which are located in his private hospital on Broadway, Cincinnati. Bro. Ricketts takes much interest in *Σ Α Ε* affairs and quite often fills the place of half-back on the *Σ Α Ε* foot-ball team.

Our hand is extended to all our brothers of *Σ Α Ε* and especial welcome is hereby given to all who have recently joined Minerva's legions.

Yours fraternally, F. ROMER PETERS.

PERSONALS.

Bro. C. D. Wightman, Mich. Alpha, '89, Medina, O., visited the chapter during commencement, last June. He is at present stumping in the state of Ohio.

Bro. Will Lowrie, Mich. Alpha, '89, after spending last year in Leipzig, Germany, has returned home and entered the Law department of the University of Michigan. He is also a regular correspondent for the *Detroit Journal*.

Bro. Frank Priddy, Mich. Alpha, '90, is associated with the Walter A. Wood Harvesting Machine Co., as collector.

Bro. Herny Harrer, Mich. Alpha, '92, has postponed his European trip on account of the cholera scare.

Bro. G. O. Cable, Mich. Alpha, is in charge of a school at Clio, S. C. He expects to be at Chattanooga in December.

Bro. A. V. Hickie, Mich. Alpha, is a successful agriculturist, at Mt. Blanchard, O.

Brother Haydan, Mo. Alpha, is farming in Boone Co., Mo.

Bro. J. Luke Russell, Mo. Alpha, '90, is attending medical college in St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. John Bunhom, Mo. Alpha, '94, is in commission business in Pueblo, Colo.

Bro. H. L. Moore, Mo. Alpha, '92, has accepted a position as instructor in English, at Marnesduke Military academy, Sweet Springs, Mo.

Bro. S. F. Creclius, Mo. Alpha, '92, is on the Mississippi River Survey, stationed at St. Louis.

Bro. D. J. McCombs, Ky. Iota, '92, has entered the University of Virginia, where he will study the healing art.

Bro. E. T. Mobberly, Ky. Iota, is in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Bro. R. K. Ryland, Ky. Iota, '92, son of the president of

Central University is now principal of Bethel College Training School, at Guthrie, Ky.

Bro. J. S. Dowdall, A. B. Ala Alpha Mu, '78, is merchandizing at Lafayette, Ala.

Bro. J. B. Duke, Ala. Alpha Mu '80, is carrying on a successful law practice at La Fayette, Ala.

Bro. W. M. Blackwelder, Ala. Alpha Mu, '81, is a Baptist divine in charge of the Baptist church at Decatur, Ala.

Bro. M. S. Andrew, A. B. Ala. Alpha Mu, '79, is in the real estate and insurance business in Greenville, Texas.

Bro. J. E. D. Shipp, A. B., Alpha Mu, '79, is president of the bank of Cordele, Ga.; also president of the Cordele Security Co., which has a capital of \$200,000, is a director of the S. A. & M. R. R., and was one of its first promoters and builders.

Bro. H. G. Perry, A. B., Alpha Mu, '80, is practicing medicine at Courtland, Ala. He graduated recently from the New York Polyclinic school of medicine.

Bro. B. L. Walker, B. E., Ala. Alpha Mu, '80, is in the real estate business at Washington, D. C. He is director of the Washington Real Estate Co., one of the largest and most flourishing companies in Washington. His address is 505 E St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Bro. C. E. Battle, A. B., Ala. Alpha Mu '82, is director and attorney for the fourth National Bank and the Inter-State Building and Loan Association of Columbus, Ga.

Bro. C. J. Mell, M. Sc., Ala. Alpha Mu, '87, is manager of the Alliance Warehouse and Commission Co., at Athens, Ga.

Bro. Thos. H. Jones, B. Sc., Ala. Alpha Mu, '87, is a chemist at the Reserve Sugar Refinery, Bonnet Carre, La.

Bro. C. W. Ashcraft, B. Sc., Ala. Alpha Mu, '88, is a bookkeeper at Bluff Spring, Ala.

Bro. H. M. Taylor, B. Sc., Ala. Alpha Mu '89, is road master for the Mexican National R. R. His address is Morelia, Mex.

Bro. W. G. Harrison, B. Sc., Ala. Alpha Mu, '90, is resident physician at the Bay View hospital, Baltimore, Md. He graduated in medicine at the University of Maryland last April.

Bro. E. L. Chamblis, Ala. Alpha Mu, '90, is taking a course in medicine at the Kansas City Medical College.

Bro. T. D. Lewis, Ala. Alpha Mu, '91, is a planter at Greenville, Ala.

Bro. W. P. Burgett, Ala Alpha Mu, '92, is in the real estate and insurance business, at Mobile, Ala.

Bro. C. H. Weston, Ala. Alpha Mu, '93, is clerking in the office of the auditor of the B. S. and T. R. R. R., at Sheffield, Ala.

Bro. J. J. Wilmore, Ala. Alpha Mu, was recently appointed director of the Mechanic Arts' laboratory by the board of Trustees of the A. and M. College, Auburn, Ala. Bro. B. H. Crenshaw, B. Sc., Ala. Alpha Mu, '89, is assistant in the same.

Bro. J. B. Charles, Ala. Alpha Mu, '94, is with the St. James hotel, at Selma, Ala.

Bro. W. M. Patton, Ohio Delta '90, has completed his theological course at Garrett Biblical Institute, (Chicago) and is now pastor of the M. E. church at Cleves, Ohio.

Bro. L. M. Barr, Ohio Delta '90, has an excellent position as professor of Greek language and literature at McKendree College, Lebanon, Ills.

Bro. I. A. Liegley, Ohio Delta '90, may be addressed at 54 State St., Detroit, Mich.

Bro. C. R. Ball, Ohio Delta '91, is attending medical college at St. Paul, Minn.

Bro. S. K. Fenton, Ohio Delta '91, is attending the Boston University Law School.

Bro. B. A. Dunbar, Ohio Delta '91, is Professor of Greek at Hillsboro (O) College.

Bro. W. B. Winters, Ohio Delta '91, has entered upon his second year as pastor of the M. E. church at Andover, Ohio.

Bro. J. C. Roberts, Ohio Delta '92, is attending the School of Theology at Boston University and will affiliate with Mass. B. Ψ.

Bro. W. Scott, Ohio Delta '92, is Supt. of the schools at Sunbury, Ohio.

Bro. N. O. Wilson, Ohio Delta '92, is Supt. of the Sparta (O) schools.

Bro. H. C. Wright, Ohio Delta '92, is pursuing his studies in architecture at his home at LeRoy, O.

Bro. H. B. Weaver, Ohio Delta, '92, has entered O. S. U. Law school.

Bro. B. J. Wildman, Ohio Delta, formerly of '94, is in the employ of A. Curtis & Co., Chicago.

Bro. C. A. Filler, Ohio Delta, is Sec'y of the Y. M. C. A., at San Antonio, Texas.

Bro. D. C. Austin, Ohio Delta, is in business in Wilmington, Ohio.

Bro. E. T. Watson, Ohio Delta, is this year teaching at Wintersville, O. He will re-enter school and graduate with the class of '95.

Bro. E. W. Green, one of Delta's charter members, is teaching in Marengo, O.

Bro. F. A. Grandle, a charter member of Ohio Delta, is doing a flourishing business as druggist, in Newark, O.

Bro. Geo. H. Cornelson, A. M., '92, of N. C. Theta, is now at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

Bro. J. B. Wharey, '92, N. C. Theta, is teaching in Wilmington, N. C.

Bro. Hyman, '93, N. C. Theta, is in the lumber business at Goldsborough, N. C.

Bro. Lacy Wharton, N. C. Theta, '91, is a medical student at the University of Virginia.

Bro. Russell, N. C. Theta, is also studying medicine at the University of Virginia.

Bro. J. B. Townsend, N. C. Theta, '91, is dealing with electricity at Anderson, S. C.

Bro. R. M. Oats, Jr, N. C. Theta, '88, is the successful manager and proprietor of the Charlotte Knitting mills, Charlotte, N. C.

Our Rev. Bro., J. K. Smith, N. C. Theta, '89, is now pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Augusta, Ga.

Bro. D. J. Castleman, Ala. Iota, President Province A, is now assistant physician at Pratt mines, Ala. Bro. Castleman will be at Chattanooga ready to report much work done for *Σ A E*.

Bro. H. C. Jack, Ala. Iota, is now in Mobile, Ala., preparing to enter the law department of the State University.

Bro. E. L. Crawford, Ala. Iota, is in the employ of the Central R. R. at Eufala, Ala.

Bro. E. L. Edmonson, Ala. Iota, is now one of the leading cotton men of Eufaula, Ala.

Bro. C. A. Grote, Ala. Iota, has recovered from a severe attack of sickness and is now performing his duties as Professor of Chemistry in the Southern University.

Bro. A. H. Wood, Iowa Sigma, is in Pittsburg, Pa., canvassing for "views." He will rejoin his chapter next fall.

Bro. C. B. Cheney, Iowa Sigma, is also in Pittsburg, "fiending" it, and will return to College and graduate in '93.

Bro. E. N. Calhoun, Iowa Sigma, is also enjoying the privileges of the view business and will be back with his chapter next term.

Bro. S. R. McKee, N. C. Theta '88, who has been Professor in Bingham Military School since '88 is now at Johns Hopkins University. Bro. McKee expects to take Ph. D. degree within the next two or three years.

Bro. J. W. Miles, Tenn. Kappa '92, will soon start a door and sash factory in Clarksville, Tenn.

Bro. C. E. Chambliss, Tenn. Kappa '92, has a position in the Agricultural Experimental station, at Knoxville, Tenn.

Bro. J. H. Butler, Tenn. Kappa, is on the U. S. levee corps at Vicksburg.

Bro. Oscar Peeples, Tenn. Mu, took the summer law lectures at the University of Virginia and has returned to finish his course at Vanderbilt.

Bro. Wm. StG. Murray, Tenn. Mu, is one of Chattanooga's rising young barristers.

Bro. J. S. Fouchi, Ga. Delta '91, makes one of the best Records Rome, Ga., has ever had.

Bro. J. L. Foust, Va. Pi '91, is rapidly making a reputation and practice for himself as a lawyer in Chattanooga.

Bro. J. E. Mayfield, Tenn. Lambda, has returned to his former home at Cleveland, Tenn., and taken charge of his father's extensive practice at that place.

Bro. Garrard Harris, Ga Beta, is bookkeeper for the Chattanooga Iron & Steel co.

Bro. Sam S. Gerstle, Tenn Kappa '91, is attending a business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Σ Α Ε is universal. She is represented everywhere. Any one who has ever met our handsome Brother H. Walton French will never forget him. He was appointed alternate to West Point from Chattanooga, but the other cadet appointed passed and Bro. French for the time being was left. Not so; he went to Asheville, N. C., resided there a year, and tried to get the appointment to the U. S. M. A. from there but was again disappointed. He returned to Chattanooga and enlisted in the regular army as private of cavalry and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., for instruction, and now word comes that he was appointed instructor of cavalry drill and is now hard at work on a "green squad." He is a famous athlete, of magnificent physique, and mental capacity, and we predict that ere his two years have expired he will be "Lieut. H. Walton French, U. S. A." Success to our military brother.

Bro. H. C. Combs, Ohio Sigma '88, has completed his theological course at Lexington, Ky., and is now pastor of the Disciple church at Macon, Ga.

Bro. J. H. Focht, Ohio Sigma '82, has resigned his position (principal) in the Alliance schools, and has accepted the superintendency of the schools at Canal Fulton, Ohio.

Bro. H. S. Miller, Ohio Sigma '91, is reading law in Youngstown, Ohio.

Bro. P. McClure, Ohio Sigma, '91, is reading law in Warren, Ohio.

Bro. S. A. Kirkbride, Ohio Sigma, '86, is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Leesburg, Pa.

Bro. H. C. Burger, Ohio Sigma '90, is filling the chair of Greek in the Wesleyan College, at Cameron, Mo.

Bro. E. B. Bentley, Ohio Sigma, '91, is superintendent of the schools of Murphysboro, Illinois.

Bro. W. S. O'Neal, Ohio Sigma '87, is now a member of the law firm of Winn & O'Neal, Janesville, Ohio. His partner is prosecuting attorney of his county and Bro. O'Neal will succeed him by and by.

Bro. C. H. Danford, Ohio Sigma '89 and '90, is reading law at his home in Summertfield, Ohio.

Bro. F. L. Taft, Ohio Sigma '89 and '90, is practicing law in the office of Judge Tyler, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bro. A. G. Pipher, Ohio Sigma, is reporting for the Chicago Herald. His address is 247 E. Ohio st., Chicago.

Bro. F. F. Toland, Ohio Sigma, has removed to Cleveland.

Bro. C. F. Rogers, Ohio Sigma, '90, is in Grand Forks, North Dakota, engaged in civil engineering work.

Bro. L. P. Hole, Ohio Sigma, ex-84, is manager of the Spokane branch of the North American Loan and Trust Co., of Chicago, Ill., and has his headquarters at Spokane, Wash.

NEW BROKERAGE FIRM.—The establishment of a new merchandise brokerage business here is noted with pleasure. Messrs. W. D. Dunlap & Co., consisting of Messrs. W. C. Culverhouse, C. L. Howard and W. D. Dunlap, all of a long and successful experience in this line, in Selma, have secured a number of first-class connections whose goods they will offer to the jobbing provision and grocery trade. The business will be conducted by Mr. Dunlap, and Messrs. Culverhouse and Howard will spend a portion of their time in Mobile. These gentlemen are commended to the trade.—*Mobile Daily Register*.

Bro. Dunlap is one of Ala. Alpha Mu's most enthusiastic alumni.

The Florida *Times-Union* has the following to say of Bro. J. J. Earle, S. C. Delta:

The principal action of the meeting made public so far is the election of a successor to Dr. J. M. Pickel, recently resigned. Prof. J. J. Earle, for four years past assistant to Dr. Pickel in the institution here, was elected to succeed him as professor of chemistry and physics in the state college, and Prof. A. A. Carson was elected station chemist.

Professor Earle is a native of Columbia, S. C., and a graduate of the university of that state. He has been actively engaged in teaching here and is in every way qualified for the duties of the higher position with which he is honored. He is a young gentleman of pleasant presence, popular alike with the board, faculty, students and public. He had just been granted leave of absence by the board to visit the universities of Europe, but of course is more or less compensated for the postponement of the vacation by the merited promotion.

Bro. Earle is a staunch supporter of the RECORD and has our best wishes for success in his new position.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING.—The marriage of Judge W. F. Cox, *E A E*, of this city, and Miss Anna Dargan of Greenville, which took place at the First Baptist Church, in Greenville, on Tuesday, 21st inst., at 1 p. m., was a brilliant social event and was witnessed by a large congregation of friends and acquaintances of the happy couple, a number of whom were from Anderson, Belton and Honea Path.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom boarded the cars for Asheville, N. C., where they will spend two weeks.

As is well known, the groom is Anderson county's popular and efficient Judge of Probate, and has won the hand and heart of a most lovely and accomplished young lady as his bride. The *Intelligencer* joins the many friends of the happy couple in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.—*Anderson Intelligencer*, S. C.

Among the attendants were Bros. E. F. Cochran, of Anderson, S. C. and H. H. Watkins of Greenville, S. C.

News was received in this city yesterday of the death in San Antonio, Texas, Friday night, the 28th inst., of Mr. William T

Denny, of this city. Mr. Denny was in his thirty-third year; he was a druggist by occupation, and was born and reared in Mobile. He was a victim to consumption, and had gone to San Antonio in search of health about seven months ago. The remains will be brought to this city for interment. The deceased was a member of the Young Men's Benevolent association and the remains will be taken in charge by that organization and buried to-morrow.—*Mobile Register*.

Bro. Denny was a member of Alpha Tau Alumnus.

Bro. T. Furuya, Mich. Alpha and Iota Beta, is World's Fair commissioner for the Japanese Empire, with headquarters at Chicago.

Bro. G. P. Cheney, Mich. Iota Beta, '92, is traveling on the Pacific coast.

Bro. E. B. Nichols, Mich. Iota Beta, '92, is studying law in Chicago. His post-office is Maywood, Ill.

Bro. C. W. Haywood, Mich. Iota Beta, is employed in the laboratory of the Illinois Steel Co., Chicago.

Bro. W. A. Clarke, N. Y. Alpha, Toledo, Ohio, attended a recent initiation at Ann Arbor.

Bro. W. St. G. Murray, Tenn. Nu, is practicing law in Chattanooga.

Bro. E. C. Stahlman, Tenn. Nu, is practicing law in Nashville.

Bro. Lem Banks, Tenn. Nu, is practicing law in Memphis.

Bro. J. H. Brown, Va. Pi, is practicing law in Johnstonville, Tenn.

Bro. Wm. Mack, Mo. Alpha, has blossomed out as a full-fledged law author. His maiden effort is *Mack's Digest of the American State Reports*.

Bro. Geo. Freeman, Ga. Phi, is in the employ of the Baldwin Fertilizer Co., of Savannah, Ga.

Bro. H. S. Wilson, Ky. Xi, is now in Chicago. His address is room 2, 161 La Salle street.

Bro. Newton Craig, Tenn. Zeta '89, has recently been promoted to the position of literary editor and book-reviewer on

the staff of *The Atlanta Constitution*. His fine ability both as writer and critic is winning him prominence, and it is predicted by competent judges that no young literary man in the south gives promise of a brighter future.

Bro. Walter C. Cooper, Ga. Beta '75, has resigned his place on the editorial staff of *The Constitution* to become editor-in-chief and part proprietor of *The Tribune*, of Rome, Ga. This paper has made rapid strides under his able management, and had a prominent hand in the recent state elections.

Bro. A. L. Atwood, Ga. Psi '90, who attended the Middle Ga. A. & M. College, is in the business office of *The Atlanta Evening Herald*. He recently removed from Brunswick, Ga.

As business manager of *The Atlanta Evening Journal*, Bro. Henry H. Cabaniss, Ga. Beta '69, has put that paper on a plane of financial success which enables it to be the leading evening daily of the south.

Henry W. Grady has no fitter successor in editorial work in the State of Georgia than Hon. Pleasant A. Stovall, B. S., Ga. Beta '75, the brilliant author, orator, and editor of *The Savannah Evening Press*. Bro. Stovall's reputation as a trenchant political writer is wide, while his recent literary work, "The Life of Toombs," is adding much to his fame in book work.

Bro. Chas. H. Smith, A. M., Tenn. Zeta, the inimitable "Bill Arp" of *The Atlanta Constitution* and the lecture platform—the philosophical colonel and planter of Cartersville, Ga.—is now on a lecture tour in Texas running through five weeks, extending from Texarkana to San Antonio.

Bro. A. J. Battle, A. M., D. D., L. L. D., Ala. Beta, '70, is president of Shorter Female College, Rome, Ga. This distinguished educator has a wide reputation over the south and his administration at Shorter is meeting with splendid success.

Bro. John T. Plunkett, A. M., D. D., Tenn. Mu '79, is the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Augusta, Ga. This brother is one the most polished and eloquent orators in the southern ministry and is in frequent demand for lectures, college addresses and anniversary sermons.

Hon. William E. Wooten, A. B., Ga. Beta '86, who represented Dougherty county so well in the last Georgia legislature was nominated by the tenth district for the Senate. The nomination was by acclamation. His election, held later, was practically so.

Bros. R. Frank, '88, and Geo. H. Bunting, '91, both of Tenn. Zeta, recently won sweepstakes in the running and hurdle races of the Y. M. C. A. field day at Atlanta, Ga. Eight gold medals and prizes were divided between them. There were a number of college athletes in the races; but in the two races in which both the brothers entered they came out a tie, or first and second respectively.

Bro. Harvey Johnson, A. B., Ga. Beta '84, ex-president of the Young Men's Democratic League of Atlanta; was recently elected to the Georgia legislature, receiving the highest of half a dozen hot contestants. Bro. Johnson is perhaps the best informed young politician in the state on matters of government, politics and history, and is destined to be an "M. C." certain.

Hon. William H. Fleming, C. E., Ga. Beta '75, who has been one of the leaders in the Georgia house for some time, was re-elected from Richmond county at the last election. Bro. Fleming was conspicuous as a campaign orator in the recent deluge of the third party of the state, and is prominently spoken of for the speakership.

No one young man in the United States has had a greater load of excitement, responsibility and criticism upon his shoulders, during the past few months than Hon. Thomas E. Watson, M. C., of Ga. Psi, '76. As the leader of the third party in Georgia with a backing greatly below the hopes of his associates, with one of the strongest men in Georgia as his competitor for congress, and with the solid democracy and the united press of the state in his face, he has fought the battles of his faith undaunted and has come very close to victory. The picture of a lone leader exhibiting such pluck and grit against such odds, has won admiration and praise even from his bitterest opponents. Watson in Georgia politics, as in congress is an anomaly.

Hon. W. Y. Atkinson, L. L. B., Ga. Beta '77, as chairman of the state democratic executive committee, has been the most prominent figure in Georgia during the recent campaign. His success as an organizer has won an overwhelming victory for his party, and the greatest praise has been given him by the state newspapers. To him more than to any other man was due the victory. He was returned to the legislature, and is a favorite candidate for the speakership.

Bro. Will Miller Bunting, Tenn. Zeta '88, the hustling editor of *The Florence (Ala) Herald*, recently won the ten-mile championship of Alabama in a bicycle race at that city. In a shorter time race immediately after he also won first prize. The prizes were a handsome gold medal given by the citizens of Florence and a silver and gold cup presented by the Pope Manufacturing company. Bro. Bunting, like his brothers, was a champion runner at college, and swept every prize for the first two or three field days at Southwestern Presbyterian University.

Rev. John H. Patton, A. B., B. D., Tenn. Zeta '88, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marietta, Ga. He is a magnetic orator and a successful pastor. Bro. Patton was one of the first of Tennessee Zeta's boys to be called "papa." It is a son.

Bro. Hooper Alexander, A. B., Ga. Beta '79, besides enjoying the reputation of one of Atlanta's best lawyers, is a leading professor in the Atlanta Law School, which is just entering its second year.

Dr. James A. Mechlin, A. B. D. D., '66, one of the charter members of Mississippi Gamma, is president of French Camp college, of French Camp, Miss. It is a training school under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. Bro. Mecklin is a scholar of rare attainments and is a most successful teacher.

Rev. Frank Bell Webb, D. D., Miss. Gamma '66, another charter member of this celebrated chapter, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Columbia, Tenn. Bro. Webb is a warm hearted Sig and an ornament to the christian ministry.

Judge Howard VanEpps, A. B., Ga. Beta '69, is judge of

the Atlanta City Court, and one of the most eloquent men in Georgia.

Judge Edgar G. Simmons, A. B., Ga. Beta '71, is winning fame as a master of the law on the Supreme Bench of Georgia. Associate Justice Simmons is prominently spoken of as the successor of the present chief justice.

Judge George F. Gober, A. M., Ga. Beta '75, is judge of the Blue Ridge Circuit of Georgia. He will also be in the race to succeed the chief justice.

Hon. Newton Nash Clemens, A. B., Ala. Mu, '58, ex-speaker of the Alabama legislature, is a prominent figure in the politics of his state. He has been the custodian of old mother Mu's secret papers ever since the war and recently presented them to the fraternity for safe keeping.

Bro. James K. Lemon, Tenn. Zeta, '90, is head book keeper for D. H. Baldwin, pianos and organs, 256 Second street, Memphis, Tenn. Jim is a royal Sig and keeps up his fraternity relations. He expects to study medicine later on.

Rev. W. A. Nisbet, A. B., B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '88, has recently been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, at Cedartown, Ga. He is a gifted minister and pastor and will take a high stand in the ministry.

Professor L. M. Landrum, A. B., Ga. Beta, '76, was recently promoted from principal of the Walker street grammar school to the Boy's high school, of Atlanta, Ga.

Professor Charles Paine Curd, A. B., Tenn. Nu, '73, spent the summer touring the principle countries of Europe with a party of students of Washington University. Bro. Paine has been professor of English literature in that institution since 1873.

Colonel Azmon A. Murphy, A. M., L. L. B., Ga. Beta, '71, ex member of the Georgia legislature and ex-president of the "1890 club," Atlanta, accompanied by his wife and daughter, spent three months in travel abroad the past summer.

Bro. J. L. C. Kerr, L. L. B., Ga. Beta, '71, has moved from Youceyville, N. C., to Atlanta, where he practises his profession.

Bro. O. H. B. Bloodworth, A. B., Ga. Beta, '80, ex-mayor of Forsyth, and a member of the last national convention of S. A. E., has been elected to the Georgia legislature from Monroe County.

Professor Charles Louis Floyd, A. B., Ga. Beta, '78, formerly of Atlanta, now principal of the Montgomery, Ala. high school, spent the summer in European travel, accompanied by his wife.

Rev. Sterling J. Foster, A. M., B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '88, who graduated last year from Princeton Theological seminary, is now pastor of the Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Presbyterian church. He will leave for a German university in a few weeks, where he will pursue the German literature and philosophy as a specialty.

Rev. Walter L. Stewart, A. B., B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '88, who married Miss Krissie Johnson, a beautiful and noble young lady, of Clarksville, Tenn., last summer, is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Miss.

Rev. Charles W. Lyman, B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '89, is pastor of a Presbyterian mission church, in New Orleans, La. His father, William Remsen Lyman, Esq., Va. Omicron, '61, president of the Crescent Insurance Co., of New Orleans, is one of the old time Sigs, and as enthusiastic as his son.

Bro. Hugh Faster, Tenn. Zeta, '88, is attending Princeton. Hugh is largely identified with the college life in foot-ball, baseball and the glee clubs.

Bro. A. Haden, A. B., B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '91, sailed in September for China, where he enters on the missionary work. He had the misfortune to lose a valuable library in transportation. The letters of Bro. Haden, in the Presbyterian and missionary journals since his entrance on the work have been of rare interest.

Bro. W. Grace Harrison, A. B., Ala. Alpha Mu, '88, that once red-hot Sig worker, is now engrossed in the study of medicine at Baltimore. He has his eye on Johns Hopkins.

Professor Walter Scott Wilson, A. B., Ga. Delta, '80, until

this year professor of mathematics in the North Georgia A. & M. College, has resigned his position to enter Johns Hopkins, for a three years course leading to Ph. D. Bro. Wilson intends to fit himself for the highest rank in his profession, and to accomplish this, although a man of family, voluntarily lays down his professorship and turns student again. He has a brilliant mind and a warm, true heart. He will be a bright light in *S. A. E.*

Bro. Walter D. Dunlap, Ala. Alpha Mu, '89, has moved from Selma to Mobile, Ala., where he enters the commission brokerage business for himself.

Dr. Joseph Bardwell, A. M., D. D., Tenn. Zeta, ex-professor of philosophy and Bible in the South-western Presbyterian University, and his son, Bro. L. G. Bardwell, Tenn. Zeta, '84, have become president and professor, respectively, of the Florence Synodical college, a notable female school of Alabama.

Colonel Lewis W. Thomas, Ga. Beta, '74, is solicitor general of Fulton County, residing in Atlanta, Ga.

Francis Fountaine, Esq., Ga. Pi, '65, is an author and lecturer of some repute, Atlanta, Ga. He has written several novels, among which "Etowah" has probably met with the highest favor. His son, Bro. F. M. Fontaine, A. B., Ala. Alpha Mu, '88, and Ga. Beta, '89, is also a very enthusiastic Sig and a promising young attorney.

Clifford Anderson Lanier, Esq., Ga. Eta, '60, a brother of the immortal Sidney Lanier, is also a writer and poet of prominence in southern literature. His home is Montgomery, Ala.

Rev. James Garland Lane, Ga. Eta, '62, is pastor of the Presbyterian church, at Tuscumbia, Ala.

Rev. William W. Elwang, A. B., B. D., Tenn. Zeta, '88, Eminent Grand Historian, of *S. A. E.*, has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, at Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Paul Faver, A. B., M. D., Ga. Pi, '62, has moved to Atlanta, Ga., where he practises his profession.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOLLING A. STOVALL.

HALL OF GA. BETA.

Whereas, in the sight of our heavenly Father, it has seemed best to remove from our midst our dearly beloved brother in *S A E*, Bolling A. Stovall, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That while we humbly bow before His sovereign will, we cannot but realize the fact that we have sustained an irreparable loss by his death.

2. That although not an active brother of this chapter, his wise counsels, cheerful disposition and Christian graces did much to strengthen S. A. E.

3. That our heartfelt sympathies are with the bereaved family in this the time of their deep affliction.

4. That these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of Chapter Beta, a copy sent to the family relations, and that they be published in the *Athens Banner*, *Atlanta Journal* and *S. A. E. RECORD*.

Committee { W. M. DRAPER.
D. C. BARROW.
N. M. MOORE.

September 26, 1892.

THOMAS COBB HULL.

HALL OF GA. BETA—AUGUSTA, Sept. 26, 1892.

Since last we met in Sigma's hall, the spirit of our beloved brother, Thomas Cobb Hull, has taken its flight for the better world. Young, bright, with a noble christian character and a true heart, he was prepared to answer the summons of death in the spring time of his being, and peacefully fell asleep on the 19th day of August, 1892.

AND, WHEREAS, by his death the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity loses a noble, christian and faithful member, be it resolved:

1. That this chapter extend to the bereaved relatives of our departed brother, our heart-felt sympathy, and hope that in looking up to his short but well-spent life, they will receive consolation.

2. That while we mourn the loss of him, cut down in the morning of life, may we never forget his excellent qualities and christian example.

3. That these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of chapter Beta, a copy sent to the family relations, and that they be published in the Athens *Banner*, the Atlanta *Journal* and the S. A. E. RECORD.

Committee. { W. M. DRAPER,
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A. L. McCASLIN.

HALL OF MICH. ALPHA, MAY 31, 1892.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his all-wise providence to take from earth our brother in the bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, A. L. McCaslin, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That in his death Mich. Alpha mourns the loss of one of her truest men.

2. That the chapter extends its most heartfelt sympathy to his family and relatives in this their deep affliction.

3. That these resolutions be printed in the College *World*, THE RECORD, and a copy be sent to his family.

Committee, { E. D. McCAFFERTY,
G. O. COBLE,
E. C. LANE.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Much has been said about the advantages of "official visitations" of late, so ye editor thought to try a few unofficial visits and dropped in on our Michigan chapters. He is not prepared to say whether or not the chapters have yet recovered from the visits, but as for himself, they were a glorious success. His spirit was revived and he realized that it was more blessed to be an S. A. E. than to dwell in the tents of the barbarians. As he beheld the rushing and heard the scheming his heart warmed within him and he was eager for the fray as of old.

We found Iota Beta with her latch string out, hard at work saving promising men from the hands of the Philistines. Her new initiations were: Bro. H. F. Hoch, Mendon, Mich., and Bro. T. E. Gray, Carthage, Mo. After visiting this chapter we are prepared to say to every chapter of S. A. E. that your enjoyment of fraternity life will be incomplete until you secure a chapter house.

Our boys are a good looking, jovial crowd, and are making S. A. E. a power at the U. of M.

The boys of Alpha seemed to be having an easy time with their rivals and, as usual, were conducting a still hunt for their new men. We had the pleasure of participating in the initiation of Bro. David Wightman, of Pittsburg. Alpha has a cinch on Pittsburg boys. Her plan in rushing is to first thoroughly know a man before pledging him. The results are that true worth always outbalances mere showy qualifications and that a more congenial, harmonious chapter does not exist than Alpha.

We had planned to visit a couple of the Ohio chapters, but lack of time prevented.

Since writing her chapter letter, Colo. Chi has given a grand banquet. The Boulder and Denver Pi Phi's were her guests.

Bros. Paul, Kimball, Krueger and Post were present from Colo. Zeta, as was Bro. J. E. King, an Alumnus of Mich. Iota Beta. Bro. Paul M. North, of the RECORD, was toast master.

Roehm & Son, Detroit, official "Sig" jewelers, have revised their price list, making some important reductions. These they are anxious to send to the chapters upon request of the "correspondents."

"Non paratus," Junior dixit,
Cum a sad and doleful look;
"Omne rectum," Prof. respondit,
Et "Nihil" scripsit in his book.

—Adelphian.

Looking back over my own past I see how hot headed I have been, and impulsive, too. That is the reason I was expelled from Yale. I was too impulsive. The president told me I could not keep up with my classes unless I burned more midnight oil, and none of the stores kept it there, so I came away.

It was the same at Princeton. We had the same trouble over lights. Dr. McCosh said I talked too much through my hat. He then had me expelled. I should have been more careful and less fresh. I can see it now. Oh, how bitterly we bewail these lost opportunities when it is too late! If I had finished my theological course at Princeton what might I not have been to-day? Possibly speaking to Phi Kappa Psi at the opera house in Jerusalem, or taking a buggy ride through Capernium, or trolling for pickerel in the sea of Galilee.—*Bill Nye.*

"Banquets then make the young older and the old younger. While a good thing in themselves they play a very important part in the successful history of any fraternity. They keep graduate and undergraduate in touch with each other. They are the bright spots which lighten the care of life and make us rejoice that we live. A fraternity cannot have too many gradu-

ate associations or sectional undergraduate organizations. The more they have, the stronger the tie that binds the members. The higher the plan upon which they are conducted the greater their power for good. Of late it has been the editor's pleasure to attend some of the most pleasant reunions ever known in our fraternity. The absence of anything objectionable was conclusive proof of the high moral tone existing in our fraternity. Every one seemed to be fully satisfied with himself and everybody else. The boys are slowly learning that "manhood is not found in the wine cup," and that as good a time can be experienced without it as with it. In fact the enjoyment is keener because it leaves no after-stain to tarnish the recollection. Such banquets will tend to relieve fraternity life of its greatest burden. This is the only visible condition upon which the public can form their opinion of "fraternity." Its bearing on our existence is therefore material. Theta Delta Chi is on the right tack and merits the approval of all her graduates, who are largely responsible for this condition of things."—*Θ Δ Χ Shield.*

GREEK GOSSIP.

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* for February has an illustration showing the principle buildings of the Maine State College. The leading editorial discusses the comparative merits of large and small institutions for the establishment of fraternity chapters. As the writer says, there seems to be no good reason why the benefits of fraternity life should not be granted to the students of small institutions. If the Fraternity can make a man more manly, more civilized, less selfish or more scholarly, then the students of all colleges should have the same privileges of college club life; in fact, the result of our observation leads us to believe that the true benefit of a fraternity is more often shown in the smaller than in the larger colleges.—*Δ K E Quarterly*.

Michigan University has seventeen graduates in Congress, the largest number representing any institution in the country. Harvard has sixteen and Yale eleven.—*Butler Collegian*.

Σ X has dropped her Stevens Institute of Technology chapter.

Δ N, which entered Yale as a university society in 1889, is said to have given up the attempt, and to have disbanded at the close of the present year.—*Φ K Ψ Shield*.

Wooglivon-on-Chautauqua, B Θ II, summer resort, has been sold by the sheriff.

Σ N held her biennial convention at St. Louis last August.

K Σ held her convention at Washington, D. C., early in October.

Ψ Y and Δ K E at Yale have adopted resolutions which will prevent a recurrence of the Rustin accident. They are to the effect that taking the oath and assenting to the constitution shall fulfill initiation obligations.

The biennial convention of K K Γ met in Indianapolis. Its business sessions were held in the state house; one session was addressed by Gov. Chase.

The convention of ΣX was in session in the city at the same time and there were some pleasant interchanges of courtesy.

Pennsylvania University is having serious trouble concerning free-trade and protection. The resignations of seven professors have been asked for, including that of R. O. Thompson, professor of history and political economy, who has been teaching protection to his classes.— $\theta \Delta X$ *Shield*.

$K A$ granted a charter to the University of Toronto, at her recent convention in Ithaca, N. Y. The last chapter established by this fraternity was in 1868. $K A$ was soon followed into Toronto by $A \Delta \phi$.

$\Pi K A$ (a distinctively southern order) has recently entered Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.— ΣX *Quarterly*.

ΔX , the new legal fraternity, established chapters at the University of Minn. on Feb. 11, at the Albany Law School, February 22, and the DePauw University May 21.— $K \Sigma$ *Caduceus*.

$J T \Delta$ has re-established at Wisconsin.

Grover Cleveland is an honorary member of ΣX ; White-law Reid is a $\Delta K E$., and Benjamin Harrison and Adlai F. Stevenson are members of $\phi J \theta$.

The $\phi \Gamma J$ of Pennsylvania State College evidently elect not to study Latin. They write of "fraters."— ΔY *Quarterly*.

The inter-fraternity pledge at Kansas State University not to "rush" new students till two months after the commencement of the year has been abandoned.— $J Y$ *Quarterly*.

The University of Cincinnati opened its doors to $\Delta J J$ May 23, on which day the Z chapter was founded.— ΔY *Quarterly*.

The faculty at Syracuse University is attempting to suppress that fraternity monstrosity, $\theta N E$.

$\Sigma A E$ was the first fraternity to build a chapter house at Leland Stanford.

ΣX is dead at Roanoke College.

$A T Q$ has entered Colby with thirteen charter members.

$\theta J X$ has revived her Harvard and Rochester charges; the former with sixteen men, the latter with nine.

The Catholic students at Brown have organized a society called the $\phi K \Sigma$. It is not a branch of the general fraternity of that name.

A Pan-Hellenic society has been organized at Fort Worth, Texas.

EXCHANGE COMMENTS

BY G. M. HARTON.

The *College Fraternity*, a monthly magazine published in the interests of fraternities and fraternity life at large made its debut last month. Its appearance is neat, its typography good its general air one of business and entertainment combined. The initial number contains much that is of general interest to the fraternity man. Its perusal will well repay the time and money spent upon it. Coming as it does at this particular time when all the Greek orders are rapidly filling up and running over with that broad Pan-Hellenic spirit which augurs well indeed, for the life and health of each, it is to be sincerely hoped that its advent will be not only heartily, but also *substantially* welcomed. The subscription price is \$2 per year; office address, 171 Broadway, New York.

A leading feature of the *College Fraternity* in its October edition is a number of articles upon "College Fraternities and the World's Columbian Exposition." From a perusal of them a very good idea of the general scope and tenor of the plans proposed may be received. Two very good cuts of World's Fair buildings adorn the pages.

The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* for August contains an article by E. M. Winston, of Chicago, on "The Fraternity Exhibit at the World's Fair." We clip the following:

"As to the sort of exhibit, its purpose must be kept in mind—namely, to illustrate in every possible way the importance, the methods, the purpose, and the effect of the system. To this end the following general divisions of the exhibit are suggested. Some of them are of use chiefly as lending a factitious interest to things intrinsically of greater value.

1. Of the personnel. Photographs of chapter groups, of founders, of distinguished members.

2. Of buildings. Photographs of Chapter Houses, Halls and Camping Associations.

3. Insignia. Banners, pins, seals, fraternity colors, flowers and the like.
4. Printed matter. Periodicals, catalogues, music; either distinctly of the fraternity or produced by members thereof.
5. Maps and charts, illustrating location and distribution. Tables showing rise in numbers, etc.

Moreover, this further fact must be kept in mind. Matters of development are of as much importance as those of *status quo*. In each division above outlined regard is to be paid to the societies from which each fraternity has sprung, and those which have amalgamated with it."

The *Caduceus*, of Kappa Sigma, for September, prints entire from the *University Magazine* an article on "College Fraternities," from the pen of President Chas. A. Blanchard, of Wheaton college, Ill. Pres. Blanchard launches into a perfect tirade of abuse of the whole system of college fraternities. He treats the subject not only harshly but recklessly. As the *Caduceus* points out, and well points out, the article is as "unique, as false, and full of prejudice and conceit as one might find in a long time." The *Caduceus* also reproduces a clipping from the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, for July, which reveals a rather unpleasant war of words waged between two rival chapters of the respective fraternities. Such collisions are to be deprecated, at any and all times as tending to destroy that harmony which should ever pervade Greekdom.

The August number of Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* contains an editorial on Chapter Correspondence, followed by some "suggestions" culled from an unnamed Greek Journal.

The remarks are all so pertinent to this most important yet much slighted subject that we append the "suggestions," at the same time expressing the hope, however small the foundation for such hope may be, that said "suggestions" may find deep and permanent lodgment in the heart of every chapter correspondent.

"*First*.—Endeavor to cultivate a good literary style in your writing and to present your ideas in something more than bald outlines. Facts are wanted, however, and not extended panegyrics of the superior merit of your chapter as compassed with the Phillistine crowd which compose the chapters of Kap-

pa Delta Xi, Alpha Sigma Sigma, or some similar organization. If you cannot say anything good of a rival, keep silent.

"*Second.*—Endeavor to present those ideas which are likely to interest other chapters of the fraternity, as well as your alumni readers. The recent success of Brother Blank in the social sphere or the color of Brother X's trousers are of interest to no one but Brother X and Brother Blank. If you have gained *real* honors, state them; we are all interested in your college affairs; any donations, or additions to the faculty; the notable deeds of your rivals, or of your own chapter—all these go to compose a good letter. Rise above the prosy and provincial, and, where possible, discuss some general fraternity subject.

"*Third.*—Observe those rules of punctuation and correct English which are to be found in any work or rhetoric; write on something better than wrapping paper, and endeavor to use but one side. A pen is always to be preferred to a blue pencil—the editor will use the latter. Write *names* legibly—we can guess at the rest. Add class and home address when announcing initiations.

"As a parting admonition: Read your letter before the chapter before sending it in for publication; and to the chapter we would add, do not elect the youngest and most inexperienced man in your chapter as corresponding editor."

The Sigma Chi *Quarterly* for July contains a paper on "The Destiny of the College Graduate." The subject is introduced by wit, carried on and concluded by wisdom. The writer asks that oft repeated question: "What can be done to make the college man more practical? And he answers: Give him a more practical education." He urges, and we are inclined to believe with some reason, that book-keeping, commercial law and business forms should have a place in every curriculum. Here is food for thought.

The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, Oct., the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, and Theta Delta Chi *Shield* for Sept. contain rather spirited arraignments of certain fraternities enumerated therein for the initiation of honorary members. This in the abstract is the substance of the attacks. The *Scroll* says:

"We regret to see this practice in this day when everything among Greek letter Fraternities is tending to self-reliance, and resting on the merits of actual membership and work. The chief glory of a Fraternity comes from the

character of its active membership, and the honors that they are able to achieve in the work which has brought them together in college. The honors that may come to these members in after life are an incentive to their successors. But what ambitions can be borne in the college man from the fact that his Fraternity is allowed to use the name of some man, eminent in public life, who never had the associations of college Fraternity life, and never will.

This method of seeking greatness is rather a confession of weakness. The loyalty and love of the alumnus who spent the energy of his college days in working for the honor of his chapter, however obscure may be his sphere in life's work, is worth infinitely more to a Fraternity, than the names of its most eminent honorary members."

We endorse the above sentiment and are in hearty accord with it. Why then, we are asked, is your practice in direct antithesis to your preaching? Let it be explained in few words.

Sometime since it dawned upon the minds of certain of our leaders that the initiation of honorary members was radically defective in principle; and the determination arose to suppress the custom by securing the enactment of a law prohibiting it. At our last general convention such a law was passed. Before this law was passed, however, certain negotiations had been entered into looking toward the initiation of two prominent men. The question arose, shall this new law be construed as an *ex post facto* law or even a retroactive one, when, in the light of all the facts and of all the negotiations in the case, a manifest injustice would be done to all parties effected by it or shall it be regarded as a law looking only to the future, not covering or comprehending any past negotiation? The latter construction was placed upon it and thus were the initiations made. We are not unaware that there are some fraternities of high standing which still indulge the practice, but that does not make us the more willing to or desirous of defending it. Our law and our principles are unequivocally opposed to the initiation of honorary members and hereafter by that law and by those principles we shall stand.

The Pi Kappa Alpha *Shield and Diamond* for September contains a number of very interesting papers on the several phases and sides of fraternity life. "The general influence of

the Fraternity in the college culture of to-day." "The influence of the Fraternity on the man for good and evil." "The influence of a Fraternity sister—her responsibility," etc.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield* for September appears in its usual faultless attire. Referring to the question of advertisements in a fraternity Journal, Editor Holmes quotes from the last number of the RECORD and concludes that the RECORD, holding as it does that a fraternity magazine is a business paper as well as a fraternity organ, "is about right." At first thought this would seem to place our Bro. Editor in a somewhat anomalous position in that he holds that he is in the wrong yet will stick to it. In truth, however, he states that his business judgment is in favor of advertisements while his patriotism for his order is against them. Truly the membership of Theta Delta Chi ought to see that he does not suffer from such a manifestation of patriotism.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* for July discusses at some length the recent Yale accident which resulted in the death of Mr. Rustin. After a very fair and manly presentation of the case the *Quarterly* concludes that the one and only true course for all fraternities to pursue is to abolish any and all practices employed in initiatory services which might in any way work to the bodily injury of the candidate. It characterizes some of the initiatory rites as "always stupid and sometimes fatal forces", which it is the duty of every fraternity man to endeavor to annihilate. Further :

"The sum total of all the so-called "*fun*" indulged in by all fraternities since time began, weighed in the balance with this death, seems of no account. Is this "*fun*" so dear to you that you cannot give it up, even if it becomes a menace to safety? Is it such a part of your organization that you will cling to it, even though it threatens the life itself of him whom you have so favored that you have asked him to become your friend and fellow comrade? Is it then so essential in our college life? When you gather at your conventions at your re-unions and meetings and dwell in fond recollection upon the result and accomplishments of the flying terms or past years, do you linger on the

silly folly of initiations as a worthy element in the forces that have elevated your mental thought and strengthened your character for the emergencies and action of life. Rather than this, does it not seem a blot upon the fair escutcheon of your fraternity life? You are in the first place guilty of a breach of gentlemanly conduct. To the candidate for your fraternity and often to his parents and family you demonstrate the advantages of fraternity life, and of your fraternity in particular, its social aims, its *brotherly* spirit, and then by a gross breach of faith you indulge in clownish nonsense fit only for uncouth savages. Is this the way to inspire a love for a fraternity, to create a favorable impression of the dignity and loftiness of its aims? The writer has known one or two instances in other fraternities where exceptionally fine, desirable men have resigned the day after their initiation, disgusted probably by the frivolity accompanying the initiation.

It is time that this element be banished from our organizations and we prove to the world that we are banded together for serious and manly purposes. In this appeal we address all fraternities, for we know Delta Kappa Epsilon is not more culpable than any other, and as much as these fraternities may seek to conceal their initiatory rites, their general methods and performances are always known to the average college man who keeps his eyes open."

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It is true that this sad death is well calculated to elicit most serious thought as to the propriety of indulging a practice which has within it the possibility of such a termination. And it may also be admitted that "the sum total of all the fun indulged in by all fraternities since time began" falls far short of a just compensation for this death.

Yet it is somewhat difficult to acquiesce in all the views expressed by the *Quarterly*, or to see that the only logical teaching of the lesson should result in the complete abolition of all

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but the solemn and formal part of the initiation. If we could only reach the golden mean between the barbarous acts of some orders on the one hand and the utter extinction of all "fun" on the other it would prove a most desirable outcome of a most undesirable and dangerous condition of affairs. Certainly no fraternity should indulge or for one moment countenance any act which by even the remotest possibility, might result in bodily harm. Every such practice should find an early grave without hope of resurrection.

But surely there are some harmless amusements which might



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well figure in the initiatory service and in such a way as to lend a keener zest to the enjoyment of the occasion. Reasons for this are not far to seek and have no doubt presented themselves to most fraternity men. The great difficulty is to establish the proper criterion and to stand by it.

What is the individual and collective opinion of the members of S. A. E. ? Think—and *speak* !

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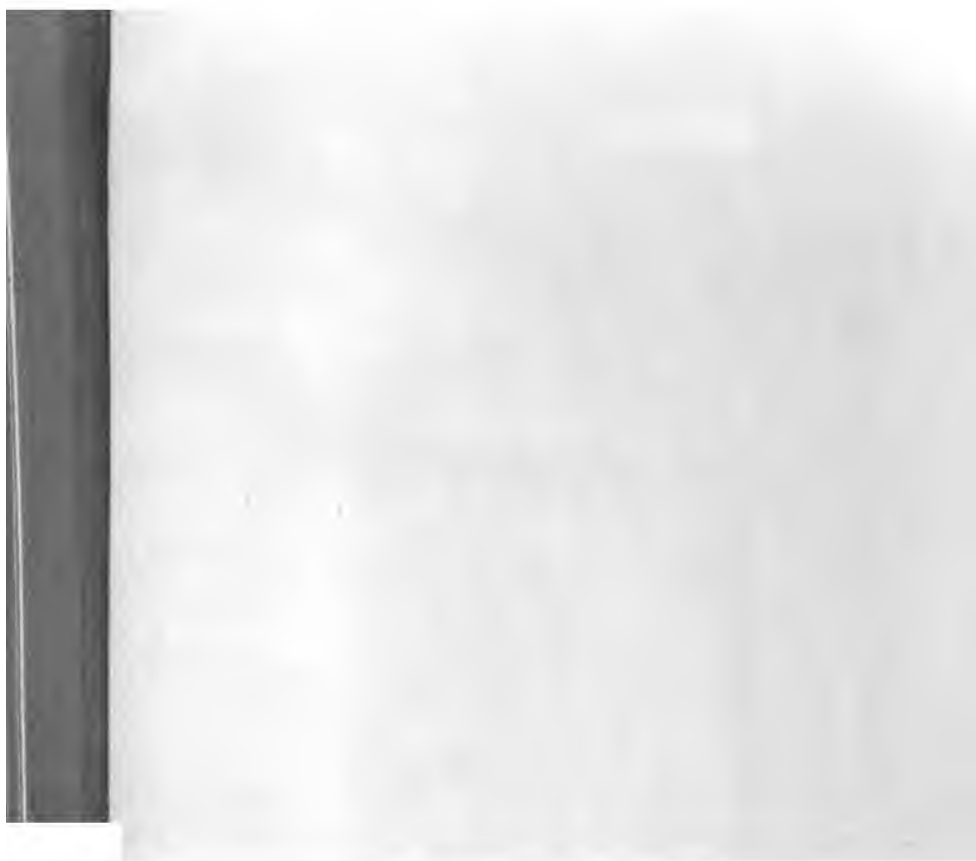
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